

Treasury Department.  
Comptroller's Office.

May 17<sup>th</sup> 1844

Sir,

Your accounts of Ordinary Expenses,  
for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 1844, have been adjusted at  
the Treasury, and a balance of \$ 11,006.75 stated  
to be due from you to the U. States.

Balance per your accounts \$ 10,761.80  
Add, Warrant A<sup>o</sup> 20, suspended and  
returned for bill of particulars - 247.55  
\$ 11,009.35

Deduct, Short addition of Abstract of Wages  
of Laborers for January - Samuel Jennickson  
appears to have been paid \$2.60 extra - 2.60  
\$ 11,006.75

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c &c

M. W. Caldwell

Comptroller.

Samuel Roach Esq  
Treasurer of the Mint.  
Philadelphia.



Copy -

J. W. McNeill, }  
Comptroller U. S. Treasury }

Min. of L. State,  
Philad. May 18. 1864 -

Sir,

In compliance with instructions in  
your letter of 11 inst. I enclose the bills of particulars for  
Warrant No 20, in favor of Seemig & Co for \$11.55 -  
- suspended -

I am pleased to give further instructions  
relative to "that addition \$2.60 in abstract of wages  
for January", as I can find no change of extra  
pay to Saul Denison, nor was he entitled  
to any, his wages being for 26 days at \$1.80 per  
day \$46.80 -

Very respectfully,  
Yrs. Obedt. Servt.  
Signed J. W. McNeill,  
- Treasurer



Mont A.C.S.

May 20 / 44.

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will  
issue your warrant, in favor of the Treas-  
urer of the colliery, for Five thousand  
dollars, (\$ 5000,) out of the appropria-  
tion for the current year, to pay the  
Wages of Workmen.

R.M.P.  
D.

To  
McClintock Young, Esq.  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Old interior.



Treasury Department.  
Comptroller's Office.

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1844.

Sir,

As it appears from your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, that the sum of \$2.60 was improperly credited to you, in your accounts of Ordinary Expenses, for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 1844, as an error in the addition of the Abstract of Wages of Laborers, for the month of January - the fact being that Samuel Derickson was paid only \$46.80, instead of \$49.40, charged to him in the Abstract - I have to state that the said sum of \$2.60 will be debited to you, in the Treasury adjustment of your accounts, for the 2<sup>d</sup> quarter of 1844.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servt.

M. W. Caldwell  
Comptroller.

Isaac Roach Esq.  
Treasurer of the Mint.  
Philadelphia.



Duplicate

Shawmut Bank  
Boston May 21. 1854

Isaac Roach Esq  
Treas. of the Mint  
Phil.  
Sir

With this you will  
receive Thirty six hundred & nineteen ounces  
& 15 pennyweights of Silver coin for recoinage  
into dimes & half dimes, half each: also Six hun-  
dred & ninety seven pennyweights of gold coin  
for recoinage into half eagles. Please make  
mem<sup>o</sup>. on the receipts when the new coin will  
be ready.

Yours O<sup>b</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

J. Brown  
Cash



Shawmut Bank

Boston May 21. 1866

Isaac Roach Esq.

Treas<sup>r</sup> of the Mint

Phil<sup>a</sup>

Sir

With this you will receive Thirty six hundred & nineteen ounces and 15 pennyweights of silver coin for recoinage into dimes & half dimes, half each; also six hundred & ninety seven pennyweights of gold coin for recoinage into half eagles. Please make mention the receipt when the new coin will be ready.

Your Obedt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. Brown

Cash



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES.

May 22 - 1844.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Draft  
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,  
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return  
to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN.  
Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esq.



Treasury Department  
May 23. 1844.

Sir

A proposal has been made to the  
Department to furnish American copper for the use of the  
Mint.

Will you have the goodness to state the price  
at which copper is purchased by the Mint and also the  
quantity consumed annually - and to add such remarks as  
you may deem necessary.

I remain respectfully  
*W. C. Young*  
Sec. of the Treas.  
ad-Interim -

J. W. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>.



Michigan Nat Compt  
Ostmd May 23. 1844

Sir

Alm I send you my check on  
Mr J A Currie N York \$100. - for  
which please forward key of acct. The  
last key we received from you the former was  
after the late exacted transportation was it  
right?

Yrs

Jos of Meint  
Philadelphia

J A Currie  
Cash



Treasury Department.  
Comptroller's Office.  
May 27<sup>th</sup> 1844.

Sir,

Your accounts of Bullion purchased for Coinage, for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 1844, have been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of \$ 244,461.38 stated to be due to the U. States.

Coiner, Gold Bullion	Oz: 5032.73	\$ 92,632.19
Melter & Refiner do	1752.638	32,607.14
do Silver Bullion	15373.39	18,121.65
Coiner do	40438.865	47,656.14
Treasurer Gold Coinage		962.23
do Silver Coinage		52,052.03
		<u>\$ 244,461.38</u>

Very Respectfully  
Your O<sup>b</sup>l. S<sup>t</sup>.

M. W. Culloch  
Comptroller.

Isaac Roach Esq  
Treasurer of the Mint.  
Philadelphia.



Mint of the United States.

May 27, 1844.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 22d inst., I have the honor to state, that the copper furnished to the Mint for coinage is, as required by law, "in planchets, fit for putting at once into the hands of the Chief Coiners;"— that the price given by us for these planchets is 32 cents per lb. Avordupois, ~~payable in copper coins furnished in kegs, delivered at the Mint, and ~~payable~~ paid for~~ in copper coins;— that the average annual weight of the planchets used, in the last five years, has been 57,602 lbs. avoin;— and ~~the average~~ consequently the average annual cost \$18,432.64.

We have, for several years, procured all our planchets from the house of Crocker, Brothers, & Co., at Taunton, Massachusetts. This house, it may be proper to state to you, is under express obligation & not to part



with the copper coins received by them in pay-  
ment, at a low price, in other words, than  
their nominal value.

If the persons who have made proposals  
to the Department "to furnish American  
copper for the use of the mint," can offer  
more favorable terms, I shall be glad  
to enter into negotiation with them.

R. M. P.  
Dell.

To/  
Mr. Clinton Young, Esq.  
Secretary of the Treasury,  
Old Interior.



Mint of the U. States,  
May 28th, 1894.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to say that the Silver Ore sent by you are not of the kind which will enable us to receive them at the Mint. I had supposed them to be what the Mineralogists call hand-specimens, which might have been taken for our Cabinet; but they are most of them large, and one of them very large, therefore could not be received as specimens.

The Silver bars & the plate-silver are in less quantity than we usually receive on deposits, \$100 worth being our limited minimum, but if you desire it, we will ascertain their value & give you their amount.

The box is in the Treasurer's hands, subject to your order.

R. M. P.

D.

To  
Capt. Phil Hayes.



Mont W.L.

May 28, 1844.

Gentlemen,

You will please to send us five  
trous of Cent planchets, upon the  
same terms as heretofore.

If you have not the whole quantity  
ready, I will thank you to send what  
you have on hand, as our stock is  
reduced very low.

R.M. Patterson,

D.

★ Mess. Crocker, Bros., & Co.

Taunton, Mass.



Peapack Comd Bank  
Peapack N.J. May 29. 1844

Director of U.S. Mint  
Philadelphia.

Sir, I have sent you  
by "Express" this day, a box containing \$1030.  
in Silver to be exchanged for quarters Dimes &  
half Dimes, to wit:—

quarters	500.
Dimes	1100.
1/2 Dimes	130.

Ours respectfully  
Thos B White  
Cash.



Min<sup>tr</sup> of the United States

May 29, 1844.

Sir,

I was sorry to find, from the letter of the Solicitor of Treasury, which you showed to me yesterday, that he had "not seen the force of the last paragraph" of my communication to you, of the 4th inst., relative to the question as to what part of the defalcation in the accounts of the late Treasurer, Geo. Findlay, may have occurred between the period of his appointment and the 3d of March 1831. On again referring to this paragraph, I find that my view was not clearly expressed, and I beg therefore that you will permit me again to state the case as it presents itself to my mind.

My view of the case thus is this.

From the 28th of Oct. 1830, when Geo. Findlay entered upon office, to the 3d of March 1831 when his official bond ceased to be available for subsequent transactions,



2/ <sup>received by him</sup>  
the amount of sales of copper, was \$8,975.  
This money it was his duty, (by himself or  
by his Clerk,) to deposit in Bank to the  
credit of the Treasury of the United States. <sup>only</sup>  
Up to the time in question, he had deposited  
\$8,035.

But it was not the practice of the Treasury  
to make the deposits immediately upon the  
receipt of the money; and the question <sup>remains</sup> is whether  
the balance of \$940 was not subsequently  
deposited.

Now from the 3d to the 31st of March,  
the amount of sales was \$2,730, and that  
of the money deposited was \$3,278.40;  
showing at the end of the quarter a ~~surplus~~  
~~not~~ deposit of deposits of \$396.60.

Now is it not reasonable to infer, and  
would not a jury decide, that the depo-  
site of \$3,278.40 included the \$940 un-  
deposited on the 3d of March, and that  
the \$396.60 which remained undeposited  
at the close of the quarter consisted of the  
money last received, - that is to say of  
a part of the \$2,730 worth of coins sold  
after the 3d of March? If so, a suit  
under the first bond could not, as it seems  
to me, be sustained.

3/ But another circumstance in this case  
presented itself to my attention which has  
~~a new and important bearing upon~~  
this question.

In the Bulletin of the Treasury, under date of Sept.  
30, 1840, there is the following entry.

"It appears by Treasury Warrant, No 158,  
that instead of the Department furnishing funds  
to meet the expenses of distributing copper  
coins, for the 4th quarter 1830, and 1st quarter  
1831, the Treasurer of the Mint was instructed  
to pay himself out of the Copper Coinage.  
This has now been done. Consequently Copper Coinage  
is now entitled to a credit for that amount."  
\$51.28

It appears then that (although although to  
this credit was not duly entered on the books  
at the time,) the use of the copper money  
received for copper, to pay expenses of distri-  
bution, was authorized by the Department,  
and must necessarily have been employed,  
as other funds were not furnished.

A letter to me, from the First Auditor of  
the Treasury, dated June 8, 1840, contains the  
following passages.

"It appears on examination of the settle-  
ments of Mr. Finckley's Accounts for Expenses



of distribution of Copper Coin, that they show in the Treasury Books as follows:

"Expenses of distribution from ~~the~~  
1st Oct 1830 to 31 March 1831, including  
Commissions on \$11,827, at 1 per cent. --- 518.60  
"From 1st April to 30th June 1831  
including Commissions of \$5430.68, at 1 per cent. 152.68

"Two Warrants issued for these sums: but in 2d quarter of 1835, the whole amount was paid by Warrant No. 1580; - the former warrants supposed to have been burnt, when the Treasury Building was destroyed."

"From the foregoing statement it is evident that the Copper Coinage account is entitled to credit for amount of Warrant No. 1580, - \$671.28, drawn on that account, to pay the expenses of distribution of Copper Coin from 1st Oct 1830, to 30 June 1831. The warrants which had been drawn to pay these expenses having been destroyed."

"It appears then that <sup>for the three quarters named,</sup> ~~the~~ ~~proceeds of the moneys received for copper coins~~ were used to pay for the expenses of their distribution, and that this use was authorized by the Department, and the account balanced by a warrant for the amount drawn on the Copper Coinage account."

Now I see, from the Book containing the Statement of the "Expenses attending the distribution of Copper Coin", that, during the last quarter of 1830 and the 1st of 1831, (including the whole period of Gov. Sindley's first bond,) the expenses of distribution, (exclusive of Commissions,) amounted to \$400.32 1/2.

(This amount more than covers the ~~deficit~~ apparent deficit in the deposits at the end of first quarter of 1831, viz. \$296.60.

It would appear, then, that no defalcation in Gov. Sindley's Copper account had occurred up to this time; and none is charged, ~~in~~ during this period, in any other account.

R. M. P.

Detl.

To  
H. M. Watts, Esq.  
U. S. District Attorney, &c.  
Philadelphia



Dear Sir

The bearer is Mr Charles Edler  
who is highly recommended to me as a dis-  
tinguished & capable of being employed  
at the Ministry and as such that his talents may  
be known I have ventured upon introducing  
him to you, & trust that if he is in his line  
as represented you will not fail to encourage him

Yrs very truly

J. R. M. Pater

J. R. M. Pater

W. L. Mit

Aug. 1. 1844.

No. 54 at 5th St. }



Mint U.S.

Aug 1st, 1844.

Sir,

I have had two personal interviews with Charles Bracken Esq. of Wisconsin, relative to a contract for furnishing the Mint with Copper planchets, and the essential items of the terms which he offered were the following.

The price to be 31<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cents per lb., payable in gold or silver, or their equivalent.

The planchets to be made of copper from mines in the United States.

The planchets to be made at the works of the Pierce Company at Boston.

To judge of these terms, I had to compare them with the following, on which our planchets are now supplied, and which, as to the price, have ~~been~~ not varied for several years.



The price is 30 cts. per lb., if paid in gold or silver or their equivalent.

The price is 32 cts. per lb., if paid in copper coins.

The planchets are made of copper from mines in the United States.

The planchets are made at the works of Crocker, Brother, & Co., at Taunton, Massachusetts.

It appears, then, that where the payments are made in the same manner, the price asked <sup>for planchets from the Boston Mint</sup> by Mr. Bracken is 1 3/4 cents per lb., or nearly 6 per cent. more than is paid to the Taunton House for them from the Taunton works. But it is the condition which admits payment in copper coins that is by far the most advantageous to the Mint, and this condition is declined by Mr. Bracken.

~~There could therefore be but one reason that he justifies himself~~

There could be therefore but one motive remaining that could possibly

justify me in making a contract with Mr. Bracken, and it is that which you have suggested in your letter of the 11th ult.; namely "the greater certainty of encouraging the working of our own copper mines, by contracting with the miners themselves for the necessary supplies of copper for coinage," because "one who is a worker of our own mines can have no motive for substituting foreign copper in place of American."

It will be observed, however, that, in both <sup>the</sup> cases, the copper is to be furnished to us from New England factories, in <sup>fact</sup> ~~fact~~ of which foreign, as well as United States copper, is largely employed. We ~~have~~ <sup>are</sup> therefore, still thrown upon the honesty of the manufacturer as our only assurance that we are supplied with the kind of copper which he has pledged himself to furnish.

Under these circumstances, I have felt it to be my duty to decline the proposals made by Mr. Bracken; and

123 pgs - 12966  
26 - 1606 3213  
149 16179  
Of Ch. Crocker's Copper  
Sold by Granger to  
to Crocker, Bro. & Co.



Sincerely hope that my doing so may  
not meet with your disapprobation.

R. M. P.

To Hon. Geo. M. Bibb, }  
Sec. of Treasury.

~~P.S. - It is not incorrect to  
state to you, that it has come to my  
knowledge, that a Commission House in this  
city has purchased the Lancaster Mass. Copper  
Bothering Co., with 15,000 lbs. of copper  
purchased also Brackens copper.~~



West Union Aug 1, 1844.

Gentlemen,

You will please to send to us  
ten tons of Cast plumbets, upon the  
same terms as hitherto, and including  
the more recent condition that they  
be manufactured of Copper from mines  
in the United States. It may be well  
to send five tons as soon as they can  
be prepared, as our ~~own~~ <sup>own</sup> supply  
is nearly exhausted.

Will you do me the favor to in-  
form me from what sources you are able  
to obtain your supplies of U.S. Copper.  
It is ~~not~~ <sup>very</sup> important that you  
be able to show that you have the  
means of complying with ~~the~~ your en-  
gagement to use this copper exclusively  
in making our plumbets.

J. Mess. Crocker, Bro., & Co. R. M. P.  
Lowell, Mass. )



Mint U.S. Aug. 2, 1844.

Gentlemen,

I write to urge an early reply to the request made of you in my letter of yesterday that you would inform me of the sources from which you are able to obtain your supplies of U.S. Copper; & that you would show me how a sufficient amount can be obtained to enable you to comply with your engagement to use that Copper alone in the manufacture of our planchets.

I wish you also to inform me what is the lowest price, payable in gold & silver or their equivalent, at which you would be willing to furnish us with planchets.

Y<sup>r</sup>s. M. P.  
S.

To/  
Mess. Crocker, Pros. & Co.,  
Salem,  
Mass.



Merchants Hotel

August 2<sup>d</sup> 1844

To

Deat R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint  
Sir

By the advice  
of some friends in this City, who think that it would  
materially assist in developing the Copper resources  
of Wisconsin, if it were known that the Mint was  
supplied with Native Copper from the Mines of  
that region I have therefore concluded to pre-  
pare to you to furnish the Mint with planchets  
for three years at the rate at which they are now  
furnished by Crocker Brothers & Co of Taunton Mass.  
That is at 32<sup>00</sup> per pound, payable in Copper  
Coins or Thirty cents payable in gold or silver.  
The quantity required by you each year to be  
not more than 75,000 planchets and not less than  
35,000 planchets.

Very Respectfully

Yr obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Charles Bracken

P.S. As I am desirous of leaving the City tomorrow  
evening I would be obliged to you for a  
prompt reply to this proposal.

C. B.



Mint of the United States.

Aug. 2d, 1844.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this morning, in which you make a new proposal for furnishing the Mint with copper plan-shots.

~~Supposing my negotiations with you at an early~~ I yesterday gave an order for a supply of plan-shots, to Crocker, Bros., & Co.; <sup>at the same time, I</sup> ~~and accompanied it by~~ <sup>questioned a request for information</sup> ~~sent~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>substantially connected with the decision</sup> ~~which I am called upon to make~~ <sup>regard</sup> ~~ing your present~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~terms~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~offer~~ <sup>by you.</sup> I have to regret, therefore, that I cannot give the prompt reply which you desire.

In the mean while, however, it may be proper to state to you that the terms which you propose differ in <sup>degree</sup> ~~part~~ <sup>the</sup> essential particulars from those of the Treasury House. Then as, first, that



they bind the estate for a term of years;  
2d that they set minimum and maximum  
limits to amount to be furnished.

P.M.P.

Wm. Charles Bracken, Esq.



Taunton Aug. 3. 1844 -  
R. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir.

We are in receipt  
of your favor of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. & hasten to  
reply thereto -

Immediately on your requesting that the  
planchets should be made from Copper  
from U. S. Mines, we took measures to  
secure the Copper for the purpose. &  
purchased about 5 Tons, mined & smelted  
by Mr. Chas. Bracken (or Galena Ill.  
we believe) which proved to be of a  
inferior & spurious quality - so much  
adulterated with Iron & other substances  
that we were obliged to return it to  
the merchant, Messrs. Chandler Howard of  
Boston, of whom we purchased it -

Owing to this disappointment



We have no planchets now on hand, nor  
American Copper from which to make them  
at this moment, but ~~we~~ we are now  
negotiating with another smelter in the same  
region for a supply. — We have  
ascertained that a small & precarious  
supply is to be obtained from our  
mines, & that of a quality much inferior  
to the South American.

Under these circumstances, we will make  
for you if you wish us to do so, five or ten  
tons like those heretofore furnished & as soon  
as we can obtain American Copper will  
manufacture the planchets from that as  
desired.

Awaiting your reply.  
We remain

Yours

Very Respectfully  
Geacher Bros.



August 4<sup>th</sup>  
21. Sanson

My dear Sir -

Mr Barton, for whose  
talents & integrity of character  
I have a very high & equal  
estimation, has requested of me  
a letter of introduction to  
you in favor of Mr Edles, a friend  
of his, who wishes to make  
application to you for the  
place of Die Master in the  
Mint which was vacated by  
the death of Mr Gibrick.

Mr Barton speaks much  
highly of Mr Edles talents for  
this particular office, and as  
there are very few persons  
in the United States who  
are capable of performing



its duties currently, & have no doubt  
you will be prepared to make  
Mr. Edles any arrangement.

Permit me to say  
to you, that I hope you will  
be disposed to regard Mr.  
Edles with the kindest con-  
sideration, & with a disposi-  
tion if he be justified you  
the 'plea' to grant him  
within the appropriate

With great respect  
Yours M. R.  
Rev. Pyle

Professor Patterson



Merchants' Bank,

Camden Aug. 5. 1844.

N. M. Patterson Esq.

Director U. S. Mint,

Seaford,

I have this day forwarded by Harnden & Co's express, 2 boxes, each containing \$1,000 foreign silver, which we wish to have received into dimes & half dimes, say \$1,200 dimes, & \$800 half dimes. Please acknowledge the receipt of this & the 2 boxes, and when received forward by express. —

Respectfully Yours,

H. P. Knight

1 Box containing 1075 fine franc pieces, = 999.75  
Change .25 1,000.

1 Box containing 1000 Mexican & other foreign dollars = 1,000.  
\$2,000.

Both sealed and directed to U. States Mint, Philad<sup>a</sup>.

Half dimes = 800.  
Dimes = 1,200. \$2,000.



(Copy.) Recd Aug. 10th, by "Hale & Co's Private Mail".

To/ R. M. Patterson,  
Director of the Mint,

"New York, August 6, 1844"

Sir,

Sometime in May last, I submitted to the President, through the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, a proposition to supply the Mint with native copper from the Mines of Wisconsin, for the Copper coinage of the government. This proposition was favorably received by the President, and was by his direction forwarded to you. In reply, you go on to state the average amount of copper coined for the previous three years, the rate which it cost per pound, mode of payment, &c., and then remark, if I will supply, you on more favorable terms, you would be happy to entertain a proposition from me. Believing it to be the wish of the President that, if I could furnish the Mint with Native Copper on the same terms as you were being supplied with the foreign article, that I, as the American Manufacturer, ought to have the preference, I therefore caused a copy of your letter to the Acting Secretary of the Treasury to be laid before him, and through the Treasury Department you were advised as to what was the wishes and opinions of the President on the subject. After being so advised, and without having had a proposition from me, I was perfectly astonished on being informed by Mr. Gung, the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, that you had entered into an arrangement with Messrs. Crocker, Brothers, & Co. of Taunton, Mass., the persons who had heretofore been supplying the Mint with planchets of foreign copper, to furnish the same hereafter of American copper with the remark that you were happy in thus being able to carry out the wishes of the President on this subject. There was much speculation at that time, amongst those who were familiar with your course in this matter as to the reasons which actuated you in evading the wishes of the President, whose only object was to



encourage the Native Mines & Smelters of the article so absolutely necessary for National Defense. Some were of the opinion that it was your wish to come to a rupture with the President, compel him to remove you, and as you thought there would be no chance of his re-election, that you would have the sympathy of his successor, as one who felt a victim to his integrity, in protecting the interests of the institution interested to his care from the wounds of a partisan of Mr. Tyler.

Mr. Bell having accepted the office of Secretary of the Treasury, his attention was called to this subject and you were officially advised that it was the interest and policy of the government, and also its wish to encourage the American Mines & Smelters of Copper, and not the second hand manufacturers who might impose on you a foreign article in the planchets furnished by them. Under these instructions my brother-in-law, Mr. J. B. Jones made you a proposition in my name to supply the Mint with planchets to be made of Wisconsin Copper at 31 3/4 cents per pound, being one fourth of a cent less than you had heretofore been paying for the foreign article. You acknowledge the receipt of this proposal on the 16th of July, and say that it may be necessary for you to have a personal interview with me. It is now evident to me that this hint of a personal interview, was a feint thrown out by you to ascertain my whereabouts, if you had discovered that I had returned to Wisconsin, then, for the purpose of procuring the negotiation with me, and continuing the planchet monopoly in the hands of your Tammany friends, no negotiation could have been carried on without my returning from the West for that purpose. I however was still in the vicinity, & repaired to Philadelphia, and made you a proposition conforming to that of Mr. Jones. You rejected it. I made you a second, offering to supply you on the

same terms as you were being supplied by Crocker, Brothers & Co., and requesting a prompt reply. You immediately acknowledge the receipt of it, and inform me that, while negotiating with me under the instructions of the Secretary, "you had given an order to the Messrs. Crocker for a supply of planchets, at the same time "you had you had made a request of them for information essentially connected with the decisions which you are called upon to make regarding the terms now offered by me, with expressions of regret that you cannot give the prompt reply to my proposal which I desire."

Your course touching my first proposal, I regarded at the time as a direct insult to the President, and your conduct while negotiating with me, under instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, I consider insulting & contemptuous towards that gentleman. Whatever course they may see proper to pursue towards you will not prevent me from relating your trifling with myself, and I shall consider it my duty to expose what I am convinced are the personal and pecuniary motives by which you have been actuated. The reasons which have convinced me that in this matter you were subverting another interest than that of the institution entrusted to your charge, I shall not hesitate to give you, because the facts cannot be altered, therefore I care not about your knowing them. They are these: Mr. Crocker, one of the gentlemen you have shown so great an anxiety to flatter and continue in a monopoly which he has so long enjoyed, was in Philadelphia a few days before my arrival there. He stated to a gentleman that I had been making attempts at Washington to procure the contract for supplying the Mint with planchets of American Copper, but that I should not succeed! What authority had Mr. Crocker for making such a declaration? It would seem however that from your rejection of my first proposition, and your postponing to an indefinite time my second, that he had some warrant for his assertion. Before my interview



with you, I mentioned this to a friend who knew my business at Philadelphia, he remarked that "he had no doubt from his knowledge of your sort of moral honesty, of which he had been a witness, that there was an understanding between you and Crocker, and that if I wished to succeed with you, I must bid higher than him"!!! Such language used towards one occupying the responsible station that you fill startled and astonished me, at the same time it pleased me on the look out, and when at our first interview, I informed you that, there was but two furnaces in the United States making copper, that the Herreshoff Copper Co. had a contract with one of them (Kendall & Co.) for all they made, & that it was impossible for the Mess. Crockers to comply with any engagement to supply the Mint with planchets made of American copper. You then proposed to become the factor for the Mess. Crockers, and offered to purchase of me my pig copper to enable them to comply with their engagements. - This proposition from you, to purchase my copper and thereby continue and secure to the Mess Crockers the planchet monopoly, convinced me in my mind that, in contemning the wishes of the President and the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury, you were actuated by other motives than the political bearing it might have on you hereafter or the best interests of the institution under your control.

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Charles Bracken.



Wm. U.S.  
Aug. 6, 1844.

Gentlemen,

I rec<sup>d</sup>. yesterday your letter of the  
2d, & have to thank you for the promptness & frankness  
with which you have answered my inquiry as  
to your means of procuring U.S. Copper.

Under the circumstances, I find myself obliged  
to take the responsibility of ordering 5 tons of  
plates of any such copper as you can fur-  
nish. I wait your answer to my letter of the  
2d, to determine whether your payment shall be  
made in copper, or other money.

R. M. P.  
2d.

To  
Messrs. Crocker, Prop. & Co.,  
Dorchester,  
Mass. }



# Distribution of Copper Coins July 18. to August 1844.

Date	No. of Coins	To whom sent & address	Where sent to	Expenses of Dist. Shewn Paid
July 14	131	Philadelphia Pa	Chas. St. \$100	Postage .50
21	132	W. Smith, Cashier of	100	
"	133	the 1 Bank of the Nation	Chas. St. 100	Postage .50
"	134	John Washington D.C.	100	Freight 2.25
30	135	Syracuse Mechanics Bank, Mass.	100	" .50
				Postage .50
31	136	Perine & Dast,	Dayton, Oh. 100	Freight 7.00
"	137	James Perine,	" " 110	" 7
				Postage 1.00
Aug 2	139	A. S. Smith,	Newark, N.J. 100	" .50
				Freight 1.50
" 5	138	David Mott,	Brooklyn, N.Y. 100	Freight 2.50
				Postage .50
			910.00	23.96

Silver 850  
 Note 10  
 Gold 107.25  
961.25

31.70 Cash & Close.  
961.25

21 4.83  
941.25

6.3  
 108.3  
84  
 101.43



Pomfret Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1844

My Dear Sir

Permit me to introduce to your acquaintance the Hon Mr Shaw of Massachusetts. He has brought on a son to Pomfret and before returning to the north intends spending a few days in Philad. He will be much interested in the processes at the mill and I beg leave to recommend him to your attention as a highly respectable and intelligent gentleman

With much respect

Yours Truly

Joseph Henry

Dr R. M. Patterson  
Director of the mint &c.



Dear Doctor,

Here's a precious 'bit o' writin' from  
friend Bracken. It came a few minutes after you  
left the Mint, and having a business aspect, I  
opened it. — Isn't it rich? It is, well that the  
dry details of business are occasionally spiced  
with amusement.

Seriously, the fellow is as insolent as the Pope's  
legate, and so conscientious withal that he "feels  
it to be his duty to expose" ~~the~~ your "want of  
moral honesty". So your character for integrity  
is to be the point of attack. Shame on him  
to select so weak a place!

I think your correspondence is at an end  
with this 'Wisconsin Cougher-head'.

Very truly yours,

Geo. F. Downing,

Aug. 10. 44.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

P.S. In his solicitude for the honor of the Treasury  
Department, Mr. B. forgets the interests of the P.O. Dept.,  
for his letter comes by the Independent Mail!



Bank of America Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 1844

Dear Sir:

Messrs. Fox Livingston have  
transferred to this Bank the credit Certificates  
issued to them on the 30<sup>th</sup> W<sup>m</sup>, and I shall  
esteem it a favor if you will let us  
have dimes & half dimes for the amount

I remain very respectfully  
Yours obt. Servt.

Geo. Newbold Esq

Wm. Patterson Esq

Director Wm. Ellipt

Philad.



Ⓜ #146.  
100

Winters & Schaeffer,  
Dayton,  
Ohio.

Send to  
Woods & Oliver.  
Market about 3d ft.

Rec'd Philad. Augt. 12<sup>th</sup> 1844 from  
the Treasurer of the Mint, One Keg Copper  
Coins directed as above. (Contents unknown)

Woods & Oliver



New York 12<sup>th</sup> August 1874

R. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director of the U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia

Sir:

Enclosed we beg leave to hand you Bill  
of Lading for  
H & C One sealed Bag containing old Silver Coin  
valued at \$500. -

shipped by Messrs Hagden & Co of New Orleans  
on board the Steamer "Sarah Rand". For your port,  
subject to our orders. On arrival of the vessel you  
will please attend to the receipt of the money, have  
it coined and place the net proceeds at our disposal,  
at under advice.

We remain Sir

respectfully

Yours obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Wm H. Hutton

B/L



*J. P. Co.*

H&C

Shipped in good Order and well conditioned by Dagoborn & Cramer  
on board the Bark Sarah Hawk Master James H. Bailey  
now lying in this Port and bound for Philadelphia

One Saled Bag, containing old Silver Coin  
value Five Hundred Twenty Dollars

being marked and numbered as in the Margin and to be delivered in the like good  
Order and Condition at the said Port of Philadelphia  
all and every Dangers and Perils of the Sea and of Navigation of what nature  
or kind soever excepted unto Order or discharge or they paying Freight for the same

One Sharp To 64

In Witness whereof the Master of the said Ship  
both signed these Bills of Lading all of this Tenor and Date and of which being  
accomplished the other to stand void. New York this 20th Day 1844

One Bag, saying the Content of same  
Contents & quantity as above James H. Bailey



Albion N. H. Aug 12/44

Gentlemen,

After my letter to you of the 6th inst. was closed, and I had left the city, I received a note from your office L. S. Crocker asking a personal interview, which I had the pleasure of giving. Just this interview he explained the ~~causes~~ <sup>reasons</sup> of your difficulty at this time, to furnish completely with your engagement to use only West. Copper in the manufacture of our platelets which would prevent you from supplying the order of which we stand in immediate need with platelets made of Mass. Copper, while he was willing to put that his conviction that <sup>for</sup> future orders, this condition could be complied with.

He, at the same time, answered the question proposed in my letter of the 2d by stating that your cash price for Copper platelets would be 25 cents.



It is <sup>now</sup> very <sup>in my letter of the 8th</sup> ~~much~~ <sup>to the</sup> ~~desired~~ <sup>desired</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~confirm~~ <sup>confirm</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~order~~ <sup>order</sup> of \$1000 worth fifteen kegs ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~at the cash price of 25 cts per lb.~~ <sup>at the cash price of 25 cts per lb.</sup> and the remainder payable in copper wire or bent ~~wire~~ <sup>wire</sup>.

Our supply is reduced to three kegs, and I would be glad if you would send us the 15 kegs at least, at an early date.

R. M. P.

Le. 10/10

J.  
Messrs. Crocker, Brewster & Co.  
San Francisco & Wash.



Mint of the United States,  
Philadelphia, Aug. 13. 1844

Sir,

I take the liberty of laying before you a copy of the whole correspondence regarding the employment of copper from the Mines of the U. States, for the manufacture of planchets, used in the coinage at the Mint. It will fully explain the course which I have taken in this matter, the motives by which I have been influenced. The desire of the President & the Department that U. S. Copper should be used in the Mint coinage was distinctly communicated to me, & I cheerfully determined to conform to it; but I also well knew that it was expected of me, in effecting this purpose, to make such arrangements as should be most for the interest of the Government, without regard to the conferring of personal favors. Upon this conviction you will see that I have acted throughout.

Permit me now, to call your attention to the present state of this business.

After the decision which I gave upon Mr. Bracken's proposal on the 31st of July, and which I communicated to you the next day, with the reasons, which led me to it,



I supposed that all negotiation with him was at an end; and as the Mint was in want of planchets, I gave an order for a supply to the Tannan House. (Letter No. 24.) In doing so, however, I expressly required that the planchets should be "manufactured of copper from mines ~~not~~ in the United States;" and I asked them to "inform me from what sources they were able to obtain their supplies of U.S. Copper, as it was important for me to be able to show that they had the means of complying with their engagement to use this copper exclusively in making our planchets." - On the 5th inst. their answer (No. 28) was received; and it appeared that, for reasons which they mention, they were not able to supply my order, for the U.S. Copper. Under these circumstances, I reduced the order to half the amount, but I felt under the necessity of procuring this, - because the Mint was in immediate need of the planchets, and because no other house could possibly furnish them in time, since it would be necessary to prepare new machinery for the purpose. This order, therefore, was not at all incompatible with a new arrangement with other persons.

In the interval between sending the letter (No. 24) with my first order, and receiving an answer to it, a new proposal was made to me by Mr. Bracken, on which I deferred

acting until I could get the information asked as to the ability of the Mess. Crocker, to obtain U.S. Copper; for this ability formed an essential element in the selection which I was called upon to make between the Boston & the Tannan Manufacturers. The answer received on the 5th inst. was favorable to the views of Mr. Bracken. I accordingly made inquiry for him, & found that he had left the city, but could not learn whether he had gone. I waited therefore to hear from him in order to renew our negotiations.

I did hear from him on the 10th inst. & I regret to say that his letter was in the highest degree vindictive, insulting & slanderous. He accused to me for my course in this matter, motives equally absurd & dishonorable; gave a view of the transactions wholly inconsistent with the facts as shown by my correspondence; & made accusations without a particle of proof or foundation. I cannot, unless officially called upon, consent to defend myself from such an assault; but if any insinuations or accusations against me are laid before you, which you may think worthy of notice, I ask as an act of justice that you will give me an opportunity of presenting the explanations which they may require.

I also ask that you will do me the favor of laying the enclosed correspondence before the President. He has been



pleased to take an active interest in the proposition  
to use U.S. Copper exclusively in the Mint coinage,  
and I am confident he will see, that in seeking  
to attain this object on terms the most favorable  
to the public, I have conformed my course to his own  
wishes, while I performed what I believed to be my  
imperative duty as an officer of the Government.

Very respectfully

Your faithful servant,  
(Signed) R. M. Patterson

To Hon. Geo. M. Bibb, }  
Sec. of Treasury.

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Aug. 13. 1844.

Wm. Sec. of Treasury.



(Filed with letter of Aug. 13, '44.)

Letters relating to the Bracken Correspondence.

1844.	
May 24, 1844. From Sec. of Treasury	Aug. 2. From/ Chs. Bracken
" 27 " To Do.	" 2 - To/ Do.
June 10 " From Do.	" 2 - To/ Crocker, P. & Co.
" 10 " To Crocker, P. & Co.	" 5 - From/ Do.
" 11 " To Sec. of Treas.	" 6 - To/ Do.
" 11 " From J. B. Jones, Esq.	" 6 - From/ T. L. Crocker - visit
" 11 " To Crocker, P. & Co.	" 12 - To/ Crocker, P. & Co.
" 12 " To J. B. Jones	" 10 - From/ Chs. Bracken
" 15 " From Crocker, P. & Co.	" 13 - To/ Sec. of Treas.
" 18 " To Sec. of T.	
" 18 " To J. B. Jones	
" 18 " To Crocker, P. & Co.	
" 24 " From Do.	
" 26 " To/ Do.	
" 26 " To/ Mc. Young, Sec. admt.	
" 26 " From/ J. B. Jones	
July 15 " From/ Sec. of Treas.	
" 16 " From/ J. B. Jones	
" 16 " To/ J. B. Jones	
" 16 " To/ Sec. of Treas.	
" 17 " To/ Chs. Bracken	
" 17 " From/ Dr. T. R. Potts.	
" 30 " To/ Chs. Bracken.	
" 29 (Notes) Chs. Bracken	
Aug. 1. To/ Crocker, P. & Co.	











May 27th. — The President's opinion was com-  
municated to me by a letter from Mr. Young of  
the 8th of June, ~~on the 10th of June~~ <sup>on the 10th of June</sup> the same day, I replied  
to Mr. Brashers, ~~on the 10th of June~~ <sup>on the 10th of June</sup> ~~to be informed of the~~  
~~same facts~~ <sup>(letter no. 10)</sup> On the 10th of June, J. B.  
Brashers, Mr. Brashers' brother-in-law, and "intimate  
with him in his mining operations," made a ~~letter~~  
~~and~~ speaking for both, made a distinct  
proposal, in which he asked \$1000 per lb. for 100  
copper platelets, or half payable in copper wire.  
~~(letter no. 11)~~ This proposal was declined by me  
on the 18th of June, and I gave my reasons in  
full to the Secretary Department (see letter 9 & 10.)  
On the same day I wrote to Mr. Cochrane, Big  
Co., (letter no. 11,) and then communicated to them,  
for the first time, that "a proposal had been made  
to me for supplying the Navy with platelets of  
copper from the M. S. Mines; and I asked them  
whether they could obtain enough of the cop-  
per from their mine to furnish us with the plate-  
lets which we need, and, if so, at what price."  
To this they replied, on the 24th, that they would  
make and furnish us with the platelets in my  
need, from copper from M. S. Mines, at the same  
price and on the same terms that they had heret-  
ofore, although it might cause some inconvenience,  
and at times subject them to additional expense.  
(letter no. 12).  
— On the 26th, I ~~announced~~ <sup>announced</sup> this letter, and  
them that I gladly took advantage of their  
offer, and had to request that the copper











has been I have also I chose my words  
with great care to avoid language including  
my character my position or society, and I  
say that in the selection Mr. Brainerd is  
mistaken.



Albion N.Y. Aug 13 1864

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the request made in your letter of the 10th inst., the amount of Silver designated in the attached Receipt transferred to you by Messrs. Ten Eyck & Son, has been put up in silver and half-silver, and is ready for delivery to your order.

The gold included in the same receipt is also at your command. It is gold separated from the Silver deposits.

The amounts are: Silver \$ 6429.37  
Gold 3045.27

Yours truly,  
H. W. P. G.

Gen. Stewart, Esq.,  
Post Office, America,  
New York.



Palmer Aug. 14. 1874.  
Mr. Wallaston Esq.  
Director U.S. Mint.  
Dear Sir.

Your favor of the  
12<sup>th</sup> inst. is received. We are  
now at work preparing your order for  
five ten plaquettes, which we shall  
have ready as soon as practicable, &  
will send them forward as fast as they  
are finished.

Since our S. L. C. had an interview  
with you in Phil<sup>a</sup>, we have purchased  
about 11,000 lbs. American Copper of  
Messrs. Stockton & Scott, New York, which  
they certify as having been smelted from  
American Ore & shipped to them from  
Galena Illinois.

We have also the offer of some  
Copper from Messrs. Chandler & Howard & Co.



Boston, being the same we returned  
to them ~~by~~ having been repaired &  
put into good shape - so that we can  
engage to supply you with 5 or 10  
tons made from the aforesaid cotton.

Awaiting your further instructions.

Yours

Yours.

Very Respectfully

Geo. W. Davis & Co.



Minist of the United States.  
August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to send you, <sup>subjoined</sup> ~~in~~  
~~closed~~, a copy of a letter received this  
morning from Messrs. Crocker, Bros. & Co.  
You will see that it forms an important  
supplement to the correspondence ~~for~~  
~~submitted~~ submitted to you on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.,  
~~and~~ to which I <sup>propose</sup> ~~propose~~ that it may be  
answered.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,  
R. M. Patterson,  
Director.

W<sup>ch</sup>  
Wm. G. B. Bibb,  
Secretary of the Treasury.



Appropriations for the Current fiscal year -  
Wages of Workmen — \$ 2,000. —

Augt. 19, 1844 —

Mint of the United States,  
August 19, 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will  
issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of  
the Mint, for Two thousand Dollars, out of the  
appropriations for the current fiscal year, viz:

For Wages of Workmen, \$ 2,000

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,  
R. M. P.

Dr.

To

Wm. George M. Bibb, }  
Secretary of the Treasury.



Bank of America  
Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1840

Dear Sir

Please send to W. O. Spring  
Esqr Cashier, Cumberland Maryland  
a Reg. of Cents say \$100 and call on  
me for payment

Respectfully

Yours obedt<sup>ly</sup>

Glockley

Cashier

J. Roach Esqr

Treasurer U.S. Mint



13 Cape Fear Br at Asheville N.C.  
Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1890

W. M. Patterson Esq

Super Mt. Mark Place

Dear Sir I send you herewith a list  
of Gold Buttons sent you by Mrs. M. H. Hagan  
& McKee for coupon in the name of this  
Branch of the W. M. C. B. You will please  
have all the packages marked W. M. C. B.  
& which are put up to them to be applied  
in one lot. The balance you will please  
have applied according to the number &  
send me the certificate by mail

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

J. B. C. Standiford



Account of Yucca Bulworn sent to the West India Office  
by Mr. B. McKee on 20th August 1844

40	M. B. McKee	758
73	"	646
55	"	1572
74	"	861
47	"	924
45	"	1497
40	"	985
48	"	687 15
62	"	266
57	"	339
56	"	480 12
57	"	403 12
58	"	478
53	"	492
61	"	395
60	"	341
41	"	185
51	"	256
52	"	350
54	"	151
43	"	187 12
44	"	
		12283 51
		24614 176

Account of Yucca Bulworn sent to the West India Office  
by Mr. B. McKee on 20th Aug 1844

78	J. P. Allison	532
72	J. L. Carson	240 12
67	H. J. Roberts	572
58	J. R. Starnes	135
78	J. Bachman	451
50	John McDermott	131
64	Byron & Fisher	357
76	M. G. Ennis	205
68	Do Do	163
70	H. J. Roberts	488
71	Do Do	445
39	M. H. Roberts	535
66	Samuel & Patsy	109
63	J. Bachman	187 16
42	William Taylor	252 12
65	Alam Fisher	154
46	M. G. Ennis	224 19
77	J. Fisher	121
47	H. J. Mason 115 69 120	235
80	M. H. Roberts Jr 260	571
81	M. H. Roberts Jr	574
		6708 44
		335 422



Boston August 26<sup>th</sup> 1844

W. M. Patterson Esq.

Director of Mint of the United States,  
Philadelphia.

Sir,

I duly received  
your favour of 9<sup>th</sup> Inst., and regretted  
to learn that your examination into the  
sore and mischiefs of the uncoined currency, did  
not result more satisfactorily.

I handed your letter to the Genl Agents  
here, and they say that there has been no established  
system in numbering the coins - it has been  
arbitrary and changed from time to time - Prices  
have also changed - When the moneys were first  
put into operation the 50¢ were sold  
at 25¢ per 100, I think, but that price was found  
to be insufficient, & to sustain it, prices were  
advanced in. They are impressed with  
the importance of a uniform and established  
system of numbering, & of prices, and will take  
the matter into consideration, and I think  
will most probably adopt the mode suggested  
by you, and after it is matured, will  
advise you.

And with regard to the claim which  
the agents desired me to make for the same in



covers furnished in lots last, they now instruct  
me to say that being well satisfied that you  
have your "money's worth" in what you paid  
for the business then furnished (see \$43),  
that under all the circumstances of the  
case, the claim for any additional  
pay is withdrawn.

It is due to myself perhaps,  
to repeat what I stated to you person-  
ally in Phil., that I know nothing of this  
matter from personal observation or  
examination of the cover, (beyond what  
I saw with you at the mint, as I know  
not that I ever saw one elsewhere before  
that time) but still under the advice  
of the general agents, (they I presume  
from the manager, or foreman of the  
manufactory), and regret to have given  
you so much trouble and to have had  
so much myself but hope that this exam-  
ination will lead to the adoption of an  
intelligible system of numbering, which  
will be carefully observed & have some value  
with the establishment, and am obliged to  
you for your suggestion to graduate the charge  
according to the number of circular inches of sur-  
face in the cover.

Yours Resly  
W. H. R. S. Jr.



Washington

Aug 21. 1844.

Sir,

I am requested to write you, to direct your attention to an inquiry of this kind. namely whether any gold or silver, or ancient coins, of gold or silver, are offered at your establishment, or have been since the 23<sup>d</sup> of June. If you deem it proper, I would thank you to communicate the information desired. It is deemed important, by persons here, in pursuit of some clue to money lost and found.

Yours

truly

Jas Hoban

att'y.

To the President of the  
Fair.

Philadelphia



Policy  
No. 26,093 } August 21<sup>st</sup> 1844.

THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF  
The Insurance Company of North America.

*R. H. Patterson*

*Ship Duc d'Orleans*

From *Paris*

To *New York*

On *Coins* 1000 DOLLARS.  
Premium *1/2* per cent. .... \$ *5.00*  
And Policy ..... 1.00

Dollars *6.00*

Received *in full* *Wm. Patterson*

*Policy*  
*No. 26,093*  
*Aug. 21, 1844*  
*The Insurance Co. of N. America*



no. 24093 1

BY THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE

## Insurance Company of North America.

This Policy of Insurance witnesseth, THAT THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, BY

THESE PRESENTS, DO CAUSE

to be insured in the sum of

lost or not lost, at and from

to New York

upon

the

whereof is Master for this present voyage

name or names the said Vessel, or Master thereof shall be named or called

beginning the adventure upon the said Vessel as aforesaid; and upon the Freight or Property, from and immediately following the loading of said property on board said vessel, and to con-

tinue during the voyage aforesaid on the vessel until she shall be arrived and moored at anchor twenty-four hours in safety, and on the freight and property, until the property shall be safely landed.

AND it shall be lawful for the said Vessel, in her voyage, to proceed and sail to, touch and stay at, any Ports or places, if thereunto obliged by stress of weather or other unavoidable acci-

dents, without prejudice to this Insurance. And in case of any loss or misfortune resulting from any peril insured against, the party insured engages for himself or themselves, his or their

factors, servants and assigns, to sue, labour, travel for and use all reasonable and proper means for the security, preservation, relief and recovery, of the property insured, or any part thereof; to

the charges whereof, the said Company engages to contribute in proportion as the sum insured bears to the whole sum at risk; and the acts of the Assured or Assurers, or of their joint or

respective Agents, in preserving, securing, or saving the property insured in case of danger or disaster, shall not be considered or held to be a waiver or acceptance of abandonment. The

Company having been paid the consideration for this Insurance by the Assured, or his or their Assigns, at the rate of

One half of One per Cent.

TOUCHING the adventures and perils which the said Insurance Company are contented to bear and take upon them in this voyage, they are of the Seas, Men of War, Fires, Enemies, Pirates, Robbers, Assaulting Thieves, Jetisons, Letters of Mart, and Counter Mart, Surprises, Takings at Sea, Arrests, Restraints and Detainments of all Kings, Princes or People, of what Nation, condition or quality soever, Barratry of the Master, and Mariners, (embezzlement and illicit trade excepted) and all other perils, losses or misfortunes, that have or shall come to the hurt, detriment or damage of the said vessel, freight or property, or any part thereof. PROVIDED, and it is expressly agreed, that the Insurers shall not be liable for damage or injury to goods by dampness, or by being spotted, discoloured or mouldy, unless the same be caused by actual contact of Sea water with the articles so damaged.

It is also agreed, that Bar, Bundle, Rod, Hoop and Sheet Iron, Wire of all kinds, Tin Plates, Steel, Madder, Sumac, Wickerware, and Willow manufactured or otherwise, Cheese, Salt, Grain of all kinds, Fruits, whether preserved or otherwise, dry Fish, Vegetables and Roots, Hops, hampen Yarn, Bags, cotton Bagging, and other articles used for cotton bagging, pleasure Carriages, household Furniture, musical Instruments, looking Glasses, Skins and Hides, and all articles perishable in their own nature, are warranted by the Assured free from average, unless it happen by stranding or collision and amount to twenty per cent on the whole aggregate value of such articles; Hemp, Leaf Tobacco, Tobacco Stems, Bread, Indian Meal, Matting and Cassia, (except in boxes,) free from average under fifteen per cent. on the whole aggregate value of such articles; Coffee in bags or bulk, Rice, Sugar, Flax and Flax-seed, free from average under seven per cent. on the whole aggregate value of such articles.

And in case of loss, such loss to be paid in thirty days after proof of loss, proof of interest, and adjustment exhibited to the Assurers; the amount of the premium, or the note given for the premium, if unpaid, and all sums due to the Company from the Assured, when such loss becomes due, being first deducted, and all sums coming due being first paid or secured to the satisfaction of the Assurers. But no loss or average shall in any case be paid under five per cent. unless general.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, and it is further agreed, that if the said Assured shall have made any other assurance upon the premises aforesaid prior in date to this Policy, then the said The President and Directors of the Insurance Company of North America shall be answerable only for so much of the amount as such prior insurance may be deficient towards fully covering the premises here- by insured, without any deduction for the insolvency of all or any of the Underwriters, and the said The President and Directors of the Insurance Company of North America shall return the premium upon so much of the sum by them insured as they shall be by such prior insurance exonerated from. And in case of any Insurance upon the said premises subsequent in date to this Policy, the said The President and Directors of the Insurance Company of North America shall nevertheless be answerable for the full extent of the sum by them subscribed hereto, without right to claim contribution from such subsequent Assurers, and shall accordingly be entitled to retain the Premium by them received, in the same manner as if no such subsequent Assurance had been made.

It is ALSO AGREED, that the vessel, freight, or property, be warranted by the Assured, free from any charge, damage, or loss which may arise in consequence of seizure or detention, for or on account of any illicit or prohibited trade, or any trade in articles contraband of war.

It is FURTHER AGREED, that in case a total loss shall be claimed for or on account of any damage or charge to the said vessel, the only basis for ascertaining her value, shall be her valuation in this Policy, and if not valued herein, then her actual value at the port to which she belonged at the time of the inception of this risk. And it is also agreed, that if the above named ves- sel, upon a regular survey, shall be declared unseaworthy, by reason of her being unsound or rotten, or incapable of prosecuting her voyage, on account of her being unsound or rotten, then the Assurers shall not be responsible on this Policy. And if the voyage aforesaid shall have been begun, and shall have terminated before the date of this Policy, then there shall be no return of premium on account of such termination of the voyage.

AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that one third shall be deducted from the cost of all repairs of injuries and losses on the vessel by the perils insured against, (except on anchors and copper) as a commutation for the average difference between new and old, the remains of all articles replaced, being considered as salvage, and accordingly deducted from the nett loss. And instead of deducting one-third from the cost of re-coppering, there shall be deducted two and a half per cent. of the nett cost of re-coppering, after deducting the value of the old copper and nails, for each and every mouth the copper shall have been on the vessel when the accident occurred, and if the copper shall have been on forty months or more, the cost of re-coppering shall be wholly excluded, and every mouth the copper shall have been on the vessel when the accident occurred, and if the copper shall have been on forty months or more, the cost of re-coppering shall be wholly excluded.

It is ALSO AGREED, that when the goods insured arrive at this port, no claim for loss or damage shall be allowed, unless the assured, or consignee, give notice to this Company of the same, within ten days after the landing, and also of any public sale intended to be made in consequence of such loss or damage, at least two days previous to such sale, and that the Company are not liable for loss or damage by wet or exposure on goods insured as on deck.

It is FURTHER AGREED, that in case of capture, or detention, the Assured shall not have the right to abandon therefor, unless proof is exhibited of condemnation, or of the continuance of the detention by capture or arrest for at least ninety days. That the assured shall not abandon in consequence of the port of destination being blockaded, but the vessel shall in such case, have the liberty to proceed to another port not blockaded, which shall be substituted for the Blockaded Port. And in case of capture or detention, the Assured renounce all claims against the As- surers for demurrage, seaman's wages and provisions.

It is ALSO AGREED, that in all cases of return premium for short property or over-insurance, ten per cent. of the return premium shall be retained by the Insurers.

It is ALSO AGREED, that no assignment of this Policy shall be valid, unless the premium has been paid or the note given therefor is further secured by a previous endorsement of the person or persons for whose benefit said assignment is intended, and unless the consent of the Insurers be first obtained.

In witness whereof, The President and Directors of the Insurance Company of North America, have caused their common Seal to be affixed to these Presents, in Philadelphia, the Twenty-fourth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

One One One of Coins, valued at the sum insured.  
Payable of whom it may concern, & the loss, if any, payable to R M Patterson.  
Dollars, 1000.00 a 1/2 \$ 5.00 } Dollars 6.00  
Policy 1.00 }

Saml. Hays President



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES.

22 aug 1844.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Draft  
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,  
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return  
to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,  
Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esq



Washington August 23. 1844

Sir

I wrote you a day or two since concerning  
some foreign coin, which is supposed might be presented  
to the mint for recoinage. I neglected calling to your  
attention to the fact that it may have been melted into  
Bars, and presented in that form, any information  
you can impart will be thankfully received

Very Yours

Respectfully

Samuel H. Bay

To the President of the Mint  
Phil



Mint of the United States.  
Aug. 23d, 1844.

Sir,  
In answer to the inquiry made in  
your letter of the 21st, I have to state, that  
~~no~~ <sup>no</sup> ~~engaging~~ no coins of the kind which  
you name, except a few doubloons, with  
gold dust from Santa Fe, and no deposits  
of a suspicious character, have been received  
at the Mint, during the period which you  
mention. I learn this, from an exami-  
nation of the registers, and inquiry of the  
Clerk who receives the deposits for coinage.

R. M. P.  
Esq.

Wm. H. H. H., Esq.  
Attorney at Law,  
Washington, D. C.



D<sup>r</sup> Patterson

Dear Sir

Mr Welch

has called upon me to request my  
application to you for the office which  
is made vacant by the death of Mr  
Forsyth.

He is one of our best  
Engineers, a skillful draughtsman,  
and assures me that he is well  
acquainted with the business of  
Dredging.

I am much for his  
integrity, and amiable disposition.

Very sincerely

Y<sup>r</sup> friend

Thos. Sullivan

July 30<sup>th</sup> 1844.



Mint of the United States,  
August 25. 1846

Dear Sir,

We promised to inform you (if in our power) whether there is a difference between the commercial or current florin of Austria, and the metallic florin.

For several years past I have maintained a correspondence with Mr. Schwarz, our very intelligent Consul at Vienna, and I have had some money dealings with him, on Mint account. In these transactions, the florin was rated at 48 to 49 cents, according to the rate of exchange through London. The silver florin is worth here about 48½ cents.

I must state, ~~however~~<sup>moreover</sup>, that in a letter of January 20. 1841, in which are enclosed some specimens of Bank notes, and a Bank circular, <sup>giving a particular description of them</sup> he says — "Herewith is a circular, which appears every ten years, preceding the issue of new notes. Such paper is chiefly in circulation, which till now is the same value as silver." The words till now are underscored by him. The whole expression, as you will see, is Germanic English; and ~~it must not be interpreted to mean that the paper has not ceased to circulate, but that till now, the notes had lost their par with silver, & were in place of money.~~ <sup>it must not be interpreted to mean that the paper has not ceased to circulate, but that till now, the notes had lost their par with silver, & were in place of money.</sup>



Since that date, I have bargained with him for a collection of ancient coins, for which the asking price was "2200 Austrian silver florins, say 1056 dollars." But in the invoice it is "2200 florins, c.m." that is current money. <sup>these florins</sup> It would seem from this ~~that 'silver money' and 'current money' are still convertible terms, or that exchange makes the florin 48 cents.~~ <sup>that, though little doubt is the case,</sup>

I shall probably have occasion to write to Mr. Schwarz soon, but could not be sure of hearing from him earlier than three months hence. I shall at any rate request of him more definite information. Between old paper, and new paper, and coin, there may be some intricacy in the current money, which will require explanation.

I enclose the Circular, which may give you more satisfaction; from our very limited knowledge of German, we do not see that it reaches your inquiry.

Very respectfully  
your faithful servt

Alex. Jos. H. Ingersoll



Mint of the United States,  
Philadelphia, August 23. 1844.

Sir,

By the last steamer from England, I have a Bill of Lading for a box of antique coins or medals, which was shipped at Havre on the 24<sup>th</sup> ult. upon <sup>by</sup> the packet "Duchess of Orleans," to sail that day for New York. I have also advice that it was directed to your care, by Mr. Ledyard, late U. S. Charge d' Affaires, who had the transmission of it in charge. As the package ~~belongs~~ is owned by Government, I beg the favour of you of take charge thereof on its arrival, and have the goodness to forward it by one of the Express lines, or by a trusty private opportunity. I shall of course be answerable for all charges.

I am very respectfully  
your faithful servt.

Van Ness Esq.  
Collector of the Port  
of New York



Duplicate

Shawmut Bank.

Boston August 24. 1844

Isaac Rouch Esq  
Treas of the Mint  
Phil<sup>a</sup>

Sir,

With this you will  
receive Three thousand Dollars in Silver coin  
for recoinage into half dimes. Please say on  
the receipt when the new coin will be ready.

Yours Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

T. Drown

Cash



Shawmut Bank

Boston August 24. 1844

Isaac Roach Esq.  
Head of the Mint  
Philadelphia  
Sir

With this you will  
receive Three thousand Dollars in silver coin  
for recoinage into half dimes. Please say on the  
receipt when the new coin will be ready.

Yours Obedt. Servt.

T. Brown  
Cashr.



Albion 10th Aug 26/44.

Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 23d, I  
have to add, to the information which I have  
already given, that no facts, that could  
give rise to any suspicion, have been  
discovered at the Court, during the  
period included in your enquiries.

R. M. P.

De

W. J. Wilton, Esq.  
Washington



Crude Gold to send to the Mint in Philadelphia  
 of pure and  
 Fine Silver 16 13oz 00 dwt 18 grs W. P. Hunt  
 " " " 14 9 " 7 " W. P. Hunt  
 " " " 4 3 " 13 " P. W. Douch  
 " Make " 1 18 " 16 " M. B. Collins  
 20 " 7 " 13 "

Branch Bank of Cape Fear  
 Raleigh N.C. August 26th 1844

Dear Sir,

I send you some crude Gold in Bars  
 Cast & amalgam weighing here as stated above  
 20 oz of dwt 13 grs. for which you will please remit  
 the certificate to Mr. C. J. Cameron Cashier  
 New York - in the enclosed letter & send me  
 a particular Statement of the assay of each  
 parcel as I have to settle with the Refractor  
 according to the Mint value -

Very Respectfully

for Mr. Capt. Hunt

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa

D. W. Stone

Cashier



Cape May, Tuesday Morn. Aug. 27, '44.

Dear Doctor,

Having a private opportunity, I send enclosed the key of my drawer, which, after all my precautions, I brought away in my pocket. The blank keys left for Mr. Tyler, of which I spoke to you, are in the check-book in my closet next the fire-place. I hope to be back before he needs them; but as there is uncertainty about the boat, I may not be able to get up till Saturday.

The weather is fine, & the bathing superlative. I took a dip last evening, & one this morning in Lewis's sea; and already I begin to feel the good effect in a sharpened appetite, which, as the breakfast-bell is ringing, I will proceed to gratify.

There are about fifty visitors here on the island, so that there is plenty to eat & room enough to bathe.

Yours respectfully, study,  
Geo. P. Olmsted

Dr. R. M. Patterson.



Value of Invoice  
of Copper platelets  
dated 27 Aug 94. \$ 1008.<sup>00</sup>  
Deduct for short weight 1 3/4 lbs. <sup>00</sup> 55

\$ 1,007.45

Aug 94 Paid Union Transportation Lines.  
for bill of this date. \$26.89

New York draft 980.56

1007.45



Vacation Aug 27. 1894.

Wm. V. Wallcut Esq.  
Director  
N.Y. Mining

Dear Sir.

Enclosed you find  
bill of 15 Regs Blanchet, \$1.008 - forwarded  
by D. Bond Co. -  
Please remit us for above, after  
deducting the expense of transportation, in  
a check on some Bank in Phil<sup>a</sup> - unless  
you can without inconvenience remit on  
New York or Boston -

Yours truly,  
Geo. B. D. & Co.

Very Respectfully  
Geo. B. D. & Co.



Mont W. L., Aug 30/46  
Gentlemen,

The fifteen kegs of coffee plants which  
were sent in your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup>, have  
come safely to hand, and I am pleased  
to say that we find them exhibiting a  
decided improvement in the manufacture.

I send enclosed a draft on New York,  
to your order, for \$980.56, which pays  
the balance due to you, as shown by the  
following statement:

Change made in your bill	\$1005.00
Deduction for short weight 1.97 1/2 lbs	24.44
	<hr/> 1007.45

Paid Union Transportation	26.89
Line, as per bill enclosed	
Draft on New York	980.56
	<hr/> \$ 1007.45

Very respectfully,

Your faithful Servant

R. M. Patterson

J. J. Mead, Esq., Pres.,  
Saco, Me.



Minist of the United States  
Treasurer's Office, July 1, 1844

Sir,

I herewith forward you the  
quarterly account of the operations of the Mint  
for the quarter ending the 30th ult.,  
which I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,  
Your Obedt Servt

July 1, 1844  
J. R. W. Wise, Esq.  
1st Auditor of the Treasury  
Washington



( Copy ) -

Washington, D.C.

July 1891.

Mint of the United States  
Treasury Office, Phila. July 1891.

Sir,

My Dear Sir,

I forward you herewith, the quarterly  
accounts of the ordinary receipts and expenditures of the  
Mint, for the Second Quarter of the present year, which  
I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,  
Your most obedt. Servt.

J. Roach  
Treasurer

To

Wm. H. Wood, Esq.  
First Auditor of the Treasury.



United States Mint Philadelphia, July 1. 1844

Dr. to SIMON MUDGE, No. 246 Market Street,  
Collector of TAXES for Middle Ward for 1844

	VALUATION.	LOCALTY.	STATE.	FOUR.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
		50 cts. per \$100.	50 cts. per \$100.	50 cts. per \$100.		
1 Marble Building & Lot 3 on Chestnut St. 150 by 200 ft. 2	74,000	181.00	148.00	148.00	777	00



*of the Mint  
and the  
and the*

Treasury Dept  
Int. Aud. Office  
July 6. 1844

*Sir*  
Your Account of the Ordinary receipts  
and expenditures of the Mint for the 2<sup>d</sup> quarter of  
1844 are received

Wm. S. Minis  
Treasurer  
Philad<sup>a</sup>

W. Anderson  
Acty. Audr.



Boston July 1. 1844.

Dr Patterson, Sir

I have been requested by Mr Samuel H. Gilman, of this city to enquire of the officers of the Mint in Philadelphia, if they use a drop-press in the process of coining their large coin - dollars for instance. Mr Gilman has invented & reduced to successful practice, a press of this description, in which any amount of weight may be used, & which the best artists of this city pronounce to be superior to any other. It can probably be made to stamp as many as thirty dollars per minute. It has already succeeded in stamping many medals; some of them large ones. When the weight rebounds, it is arrested & can not descend until the work is ready for another descent. This last quality, however, is not supposed to be original, but the mode of doing so, is, & is said to be the only method free from objections & practically successful. Mr G. is now about taking out a patent, & is desirous of knowing whether or not there exists at the Mint a demand for such a machine. I will merely add that it is very nearly (in connexion with steam or other power) a self acting machine; the only additional act being a slight motion of a lever when the descent of the weight is required. An answer from yourself or some gentleman connected with the Mint, addressed to myself or Mr Gilman, ~~from~~ Bromfield St, Boston, will be gratefully received.

Very respectfully -

John M. O'Brien  
10 Court St. Boston.



Branch Bank of Cape Fear  
Raleigh N.C. July 5. 1844 -

Dear Sir,

I send you in under gold accom-  
panying this the following parcels.

from Chatham County N.C. Carolina

542 dets. 11 grs.

272 " 12 "

305 " 16 "

173 19 dets. 15 grs.

11 " 8 " 15 "

8 " 9 " 12 "

from Burke County N.C. Carolina

Silver Creek mine West side 233 14 dets. 18 grs.

" " " East " 12. 5. 15.

" " " " 7. 18 " 15-

Which you will please have assayed & inform  
me the value of each parcel separately  
and if convenient to let me have the whole  
assayed in quarters. Dimes & Half Dimes I  
should be glad to have them shipped  
to the care of P. Deakin Esq. Cashier, Bank  
of Petersburg Virginia and insure them  
to Petersburg. - if not convenient to you to  
have the shipping attended to as I presume  
it



it is not - please speak to your Agent  
to attend to <sup>the</sup> for me and either pay him  
out of the money or request him to write  
me what his charge is & I will pay it -  
I should be glad to hear from you on  
the receipt of the Gold - and to be advised  
when the money is shipped - if you can  
send me the name of charge would be  
not I will send the certificate to  
New York -

With much Respect

Yr. obedt. Servt

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Quintessence

Philadelphia

D. M. Stone

Cashier

\$2,000 - in quarters  
& the balance in Dollars & 1/2 Dollars would  
be preferred



Mint Wash Phil. Aug 5/44.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., respecting a drop-press which the Senator Mr. Gelman, who "has invented and reduced to successful practice," and which he supposes to be applicable to the purposes of coining, a point with respect to which my opinion is asked.

Let me, first, in the first place, say, that the arrangements which are now employed for striking coins are so satisfactory as to leave scarcely any thing to desire. What our coins need is to be supplied by the skill of the artist, not of the mechanician. Our press is in all respects self-acting. The last which we have built strikes 75 dollars or half dollars per minute, and the smaller than for the smaller coins strike 90 per minute. We do not need a change, therefore, in this department of our functions, and, if we did, I should think a return to the drop-press a retrograde movement.

When I first saw the Steam-hammer, (a substitute for the tilt-hammer) in operation,



it occurred to me that it might be used for  
conveyance as a substitute for the deep press; but  
its ~~inadequacy for employment~~ <sup>inadequacy</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~apparent~~ <sup>apparent</sup>,  
that Mr. Gilman's improvement is of this  
character. It can be made self-acting, (so far  
as the blow is concerned,) without even the  
slight motion of a lever when the descent of the  
weight is required. A part of the self-action  
of a crimping press, however, consists in what  
we call the feeding apparatus, by which  
the planchets are placed upon the dies, and  
the crimps removed from them. I do not doubt  
that such an apparatus could be adapted  
to a deep press, but to do so effectively, will  
require much thought and ingenuity.

P. M. P.

To  
John C. Brien, Esq.  
Boston.



Philadelphia 9<sup>th</sup> July 1844  
R. M. Patterson Esq  
Philadelphia My Dear Sir  
Herewith I enclose you  
another Receipt of "Guineas Express" for a package of Gold  
to be coined - I am indebted by your usual kindness  
in having assayed separate each package -  
I give - Begging you to excuse the frequent trouble  
I remain respectfully  
My Dear Sir -  
Yours Mo. G. S. W.  
G. Downing



Philadelphia, July 10 1844

U. S. United States Mint

Dr. to Charles Remington, Collector of City Taxes in Middle Ward, for 1844.

	RATES.	PERSONAL.		CITY—36 Cents.		TOTAL.	
				Dollars.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>74000</i>			<i>266</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>266</i>	<i>40</i>

Received Payment

Collector

Office, No. 52 North Sixth Street



Department of the Treasury —  
Washington, July 10. 1844.

Sir

Your letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> June has been received. The certainty of encouraging the working of our own Copper mines, counts in contracting with the miners for the necessary supplies of Copper for coinage. I am not aware that it is possible to discriminate between platelets made of American pig Copper, & those made of English or Spanish Copper. One who is a worker of our own mines can have no motive for substituting foreign Copper in place of American Copper. You will therefore best consult the national interest by giving to the miners of our own country the preference, instead of contracting with those who deal in imported Copper & in American copper.

With great respect

yours &c

Geo. M. Bibb  
Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. R. M. Pittman

Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia.



Dauntun July 11. 1874.

Rev. Patterson Esq.  
Director U.S. Mint  
Dear Sir:

We duly received  
your favor of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. & on  
receipt we addressed a letter to  
Messrs R. & W. Robinson, respectable man-  
ufacturers of Buttons &c, respecting  
the paragraph in the newspapers you  
allude to.

We enclose copy of their reply.  
Our previous opinion that there was  
no truth in the statement, receives  
confirmation from the enclosed letter.

Very Respectfully  
Yrs O. E. Smith

Geo. K. Brown & Co



Miss Crocker, April 16  
Gentle

Wilmington, July 4, 1844

Some of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. is received & in reply we would say that we do not know of any coins being made in Wilmington, nor can we account for the Paragraph which we have noticed in the papers. We think some Shop carries in 1839 from blanks which we purchased of you but they did not represent a cent, at all.

At the time of the suspension of the Bank, we saw some blanks which were struck in Waterbury Conn. to represent a cent with this word Not one cent for Tribute But William for Defiance. That is the most we know about counterfeiting Pennies.

Yours Respectfully

A. W. Robinson  
for A. H. Crocker



J. R. M. Co.  
1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> doors 3

August July 15/1846

Sir

I feel desirous to hear of  
the progress of my Bullion & Copper coin  
for the 2<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>r</sup> of this year which were  
forwarded on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst and fearing  
some failure in their transmission I shall  
be much obliged to you for information  
of their receipt —

Very respectfully  
Yours &c  
J. R. M. Co.  
Yours &c



Washington City, July 15<sup>th</sup> 1844

Sir,

I am authorized and requested by Mr. Charles Brachew, of Wisconsin Territory, a miner and smelter of copper ore, to propose, for him, to furnish copper planchets for the mint, by contract, for three years, at  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cents per pound.

Mr. B. being at present in Boston, you will please direct an answer to him at that place.

Very & Respectfully  
Yours  
J. D. Jones

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director of the Mint



Minist of the United States.  
July 15, 1844.

Sir,

I shall enter immediately into correspondence with Mr. Bracken, on the subject of the proposal which ~~he~~ you have made, in your letter of yesterday, on his behalf and by his authority. So far as the price alone is concerned, ~~it~~ <sup>the proposal</sup> is satisfactory; but there are, as you know, many other matters for consideration. ~~It would be very desirable that we should have a personal interview, and I shall ask him to hope that he will afford me this. It will probably be necessary that we have a personal interview.~~

P. M. P.

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J. Wm. B. Ames, Esq.  
Washington. D. C.



Albion N. Y. July 16 / 46

Sir,

I had the honor to receive, yesterday, your letter of the 10th inst., respecting the propriety of obtaining the supplies of copper <sup>planchets</sup> needed for the coins at the Mint, from the mines of this metal in the United States. My letter to the Department, of the 18th ult., presents my views on this subject, and gives reasons, which must be deemed quite conclusive, why the ~~offer~~ <sup>proposal made</sup> ~~made~~ by Mr. H.B. Jones, for supplying ~~the~~ copper planchets, could not be accepted.

I have received to day, however, from the same source, a proposal which, ~~is~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~without~~ <sup>concern</sup> the same so far as <sup>the price</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>alone</sup> ~~concerns~~, is unobjectionable. If the other terms prove equally so, I will cheerfully enter into an arrangement for procuring planchets from the Wisconsin works; and, with this view, I shall immediately enter into correspondence with Mr. Charles



Bracken, on whom behalf the proposal has been made.

I am quite aware, that, for the performance of the promise given by Messrs. Bracken, Brothers & Co., to make exemplar plates of United States copper only, I can have no other assurance than the honor of the House itself.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. P.

Wm. G. M. Pitt,

Secretary of the Treasury



Min't of the United States.

Philadelphia, July 17, 1846.

Sir,

In a letter which I received yesterday, from L.B. Jones Esq., of Washington, he states that he had been "authorized and requested by you to propose, for you, to furnish copper planchets for the mint, by contract, for three years, at 31 $\frac{3}{4}$  cents per pound."

If this price is to be paid in copper coins, it is well by  $\frac{1}{4}$  ct per lb. than we at present pay; but if you expect payment in other funds it is more by  $\frac{1}{2}$  ct. The first question, therefore, ~~concerns~~<sup>in</sup> entering upon a negotiation, has regard to the kind of payment expected.

I must, secondly, state to you, that, for the price which we now pay, the planchets are delivered at the mint, in good new kegs, holding a weight of planchets estimated to produce \$100 in cents; and that no charge is made for the kegs or the transportation.



Thirdly; as the supply needed by the Mint is altogether uncertain and variable, no contract can be made for any definite amount; but the planchets must be supplied in order issued, from the stock by the Director, from time to time.

Lastly; in none of the arrangements heretofore made, ~~either~~ <sup>either</sup> with houses in Europe or America, has the Mint bound itself beyond the amount of each particular order; and I should not feel disposed to vary from this course, without strong reasons to ~~that effect~~ justify the change.

~~In our further negotiations~~

~~I shall be glad to enter upon such any arrangement which~~

The house which at present supplies our planchets has engaged to make them <sup>for the future,</sup> exclusively of Copper from the Mines of the United States; but it is thought ~~by the~~ that a contract with a Miner and Smelter of Copper at Wisconsin would ~~be~~ contribute more directly and certainly to the encouragement of our own mines. In our further negotiations this circumstance shall be kept in view, and be made to

operate in your favor.

R. M. P.

J. Charles Bracken, Esq.



Mint of the United States -  
July 14. 1884 -

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you  
will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the  
Mint, for Two thousand, four hundred dollars, out of the  
appropriations for the current fiscal year: viz,

For wages of bookmen — — \$ 2,000.

For purchase of ore & coal, — — 400.

\$ 2,400. -

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant  
Saml R. Mc. Callister,

Director

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Respectfully,  
Geo. M. Babb-

Secretary of the Treasury -



Treasury Department  
Just Auditors Office  
July 17. 1844

Sir  
Your Billions ap for the 3<sup>d</sup> quarter 1844  
has been rec<sup>d</sup>

Very Respectfully  
Yours obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
W. Anderson

J. Roach  
Treasurer of the Mint  
Phil<sup>a</sup>

The Clerk enquired whether we were aware the  
letter acknowledging the rec<sup>d</sup> of the ordinary expense  
of any matter by one who was not at the time  
aware of the other as "having been rec<sup>d</sup>" he having  
noticed only your letter accompanying the form. He



Mont. N.S.  
Aug. 18/46.

Dear Sir,

I send enclosed a receipt and  
memoandum for your deposit of gold  
received on the 13th inst.

If you will return me the note  
enclosed to the order of Edw. and Sprague  
(one of our clerks) I find that I can  
negotiate the exchange of your gold  
for small silver coins, and I will  
attend to it as you desire.

R. M. D.

W. D. 10. Street, City  
Cust.



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES.

20 July 1844

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *One* Treasury Draft  
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,  
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return  
to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,  
Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esq



Branch Bank of Col. Penn  
Raleigh N.C. July 22nd 1854

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I return you the certificate  
for one hundred & thirty eight  $\frac{26}{100}$  shares  
of gold endorsed to Mr Edward Speague  
as directed in yours and am very  
much obliged to you for your kindness  
in having it attended to for me.

With much respect  
Yrs. Geo. D. Lee

Dr. R. M. Patterson

D. W. Howard

Director Nat. Bank

Cashier

Philadelphia

P.S.



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

20 July 1844.

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I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

B. M. Patterson Esq



R. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director U. S. Mint

To R. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director of the U. S. Mint

Sir, You are respectfully invited  
to attend the funeral of Mr. Christian  
Gobrecht, from his late residence  
No 220 Walnut St. on Friday  
the 26th inst at 4 o'clock P.M.

It is the particular wish of  
the family of the deceased  
that the officers and all who  
are connected with the Mint  
attend the funeral

Philad July 24. 1874



Albany, N.Y.  
July 24/46.

Dear Sir,

Since I wrote to you, the brass  
foundry has succeeded perfectly in some  
of the castings for your press. Mr. Smith  
he has found out the ~~source~~ cause  
of his former failure, and will be able  
to avoid it for the future. Mr. George Edgfield  
has therefore concluded to leave the patterns  
with him, and to entrust him with all  
the castings. I know nothing now, there-  
fore, to delay your return to Philadel-  
phia.

The Secretary of the Society announces  
that he will send me \$4000 for your  
new machinery.

RMT

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To  
Philip B. Taylor, Esq.  
Springfield  
Mass.



Memorandum of S.W. Stone's deposit.

Net Amount of deposit \$2,357.40

Picked in Reg. - Martin \$1,989.53

Dinner 200.00

Half dinner 150.00

\$2,339.53

5/8 per cent. Ins. on \$2400.00 Pa. 15.00 ✓

Policy 1.00 ✓

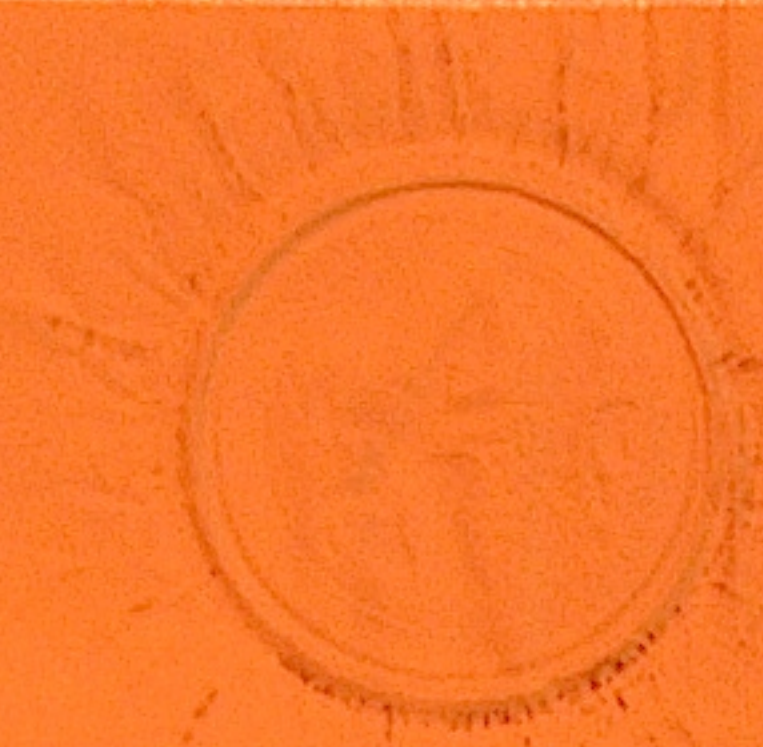
Reg. 50¢, Co. 12, Lbs 75 1.37 ✓

Portage 50 ✓ \$2,357.40

Expenses \$17.87: cash paid in box in Director's drawer  
G. H. L.

July 26. 1944.





Policy No. 218 } — July 26<sup>th</sup> 1844

The American Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia.

George F. Manning

George S. Southard

From *Shelby Co.*

To *Petersburg Va Canal*

On *2400* DOLLARS.

Premium *7/8* per cent. . . \$ *15.00*

And Policy . . . . . 1 00

Dollars *16.00*

Received Payment *July 27 1844*

*To above insured*

*H. S. Campbell*

*[Signature]*



(No. 215)

BY

# The American Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia.

This Policy of Insurance witnesseth, That THE AMERICAN MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, BY THESE PRESENTS,

DO CAUSE

George F. Dunning

to be insured in the sum of Two thousand Four hundred Dollars,

lost or not lost, at and from

Philad<sup>a</sup> to Petersburg Va Canal

upon

the Ship

called the

S. L. Peckham

or whosoever else shall be Master of said Vessel, or by whatever other

name or names the said Vessel or Master thereof shall be named or called:

Business the adventure upon the said Vessel as aforesaid; and upon the Freight or Property, from and immediately following the loading of said property on board said vessel, and to continue during the voyage as aforesaid on the vessel until she shall be arrived and moored at anchor twenty-four hours in safety, and on the freight and property, until the property shall be safely landed.

AND it shall be lawful for the said Vessel, in her voyage, to proceed and sail to, touch and stay at, any Ports or places, if thereunto obliged by stress of weather or other unavoidable accidents, without prejudice to this Insurance. And in case of any loss or misfortune resulting from any peril insured against, the party insured engages for himself or themselves, his or their factors, servants and assigns, to sue, labour, travel for and use all reasonable and proper means for the security, preservation, relief and recovery of the property insured, or any part thereof; to the charges whereof, the said Company engages to contribute in proportion as the sum insured bears to the whole sum at risk; and the acts of the Assured or Assurers, or of their joint or respective Agents, in preserving, securing, or saving the property insured in case of danger or disaster, shall not be considered or held to be a waiver or acceptance of abandonment. The Company having been paid the consideration for this Insurance by the Assured, or his or their Assigns, at the rate of

Five Eighths per cent

TOUCHING the adventures and perils which the said Insurance Company are contented to bear and take upon them in this voyage, they are of the Seas, Men of War, Fires, Enemies, Pirates, Robbers, Spoiling Thieves, Jettisons, Letters of Mart and Counter Mart, Surprises, Takings at Sea, Arrests, Restraints and Detainments of all Kings, Princes, or People, of what Nation, condition, or quality soever, Barratry of the Master, and Mariners, (embezzlement and illicit trade excepted) and all other perils, losses or misfortunes, that have or shall come to the hurt, detriment or damage of the said vessel, freight or property, or any part thereof. PROVIDED, and it is expressly agreed, that the Insurers shall not be liable for damage or injury to goods by dampness, or by being spotted, discoloured or mouldy, unless the same be caused by actual contact of Sea water with the articles so damaged.

It is also agreed that Bar, Bundle, Rod, Hoop and Sheet Iron, Wire of all kinds, Tin Plates, Steel, Madder, Sumac, Wickware, and Willow manufactured or otherwise, Cheese, Salt, Grain of all kinds, Fruits, whether preserved or otherwise, dry Fish, Vegetables and Roots, Rags, Hempen Yarn, Bags, Cotton Bagging, and other articles used for cotton bagging, Pleasure Carriages, Household Furniture, Musical Instruments, Looking Glasses, Skins and Hides, and all articles perishable in their own nature, are warranted by the Assured free from average, unless it happen by stranding or collision, and amount to twenty per cent. on the whole aggregate value of such articles; Hemp, Leaf Tobacco, Tobacco Stems, Bread, Indian Meal, Matting and Canvas, (except in boxes,) free from average under fifteen per cent. on the whole aggregate value of such articles; Coffee in bags or bulk, Pepper in bags or bulk, Rice, Sugar, Flax and Flaxseed free from average under seven per cent. on the whole aggregate value of such articles.

And in case of loss, such loss to be paid in thirty days after proof of loss, proof of interest, and adjustment exhibited to the Assurers; the amount of the premium, or the note given for the premium, if unpaid, and all sums due to the Company from the Assured, when such loss becomes due, being first deducted, and all sums coming due being first paid or secured to the satisfaction of the Assurers. But no loss or average shall in any case be paid under five per cent, unless general.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, and it is further agreed, that if the said Assured shall have made any other assurance upon the premises aforesaid prior in date to this Policy, then the said The American Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia shall be answerable only for so much of the amount as such prior insurance may be deficient towards fully covering the premises hereby insured, without any deduction for the insolvency of all or any of the Underwriters, and the said The American Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia shall return the premium upon so much of the sum by them insured as they shall be by such prior insurance exonerated from. And in case of any Insurance upon the said premises subsequent in date to this Policy, the said The American Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia shall nevertheless be answerable for the full extent of the sum by them subscribed hereto, without right to claim contribution from each subsequent Assurers, and shall accordingly be entitled to retain the Premium by them received, in the same manner as if no such subsequent Assurance had been made.

IT IS ALSO AGREED, that the vessel, freight, or property, be warranted by the Assured, free from any charge, damage, or loss which may arise in consequence of seizure or detention, for or on account of any illicit or prohibited trade, or any trade in articles contraband of war.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that in case a total loss shall be claimed for on account of any damage or charge to the said vessel, the only basis for ascertaining her value, shall be her valuation in this Policy, and if not valued herein, then her actual value at the port to which she belonged at the time of the inception of this risk. And it is also agreed, that if the above named vessel, upon a regular survey, shall be declared unseaworthy, by reason of her being unseaworthy or rotten, or incapable of prosecuting her voyage, on account of her being unseaworthy or rotten, then the Assurers shall not be responsible on this Policy. And if the voyage aforesaid shall have been begun, and shall have terminated before the date of this Policy, then there shall be no return of premium on account of such termination of the voyage.

AND IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that one-third shall be deducted from the cost of all repairs of injuries and losses by the perils insured against (except on anchors and copper) as a contribution for the average difference between new and old, the remains of all articles replaced, being considered as salvage, and accordingly deducted from the net loss. And instead of deducting one-third from the cost of re-coppering, there shall be deducted two and a half per cent. of the net cost of re-coppering, after deducting the value of the old copper and nails, for each and every month the copper shall have been on the vessel when the accident occurred, and if the copper shall have been on forty months or more, the cost of re-coppering shall be wholly excluded.

IT IS ALSO AGREED, that when the goods insured arrive at this port, no claim for loss or damage shall be allowed, unless the assured, or consignee, give notice to this Company of the same, within ten days after the landing, and also of any public sale intended to be made in consequence of such loss or damage, at least two days previous to such sale, and that the Company are not liable for loss or damage by wet or exposure on goods insured as on deck.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that in case of capture or detention, the Assured shall not have the right to abandon therefor, unless proof is exhibited of condemnation, or of the continuance of the detention by capture or arrest, for at least ninety days. That the assured shall not abandon in consequence of the port of destination being blockaded, but the vessel shall in such case, have the liberty to proceed to another port not blockaded, which shall be substituted for the Blockaded Port. And in case of capture or detention, the Assured renounces all claims against the Assurers for demurrage, seamen's wages and provisions.

IT IS ALSO AGREED, that in all cases of return premium for short property or over-insurance, ten per cent. of the return premium shall be retained by the insurers.

IT IS ALSO AGREED, that no assignment of this Policy shall be valid, unless the premium has been paid or the note given therefor is further secured by a previous endorsement of the person or persons for whose benefit said assignment is intended, and unless the consent of the Insurers be first obtained.

In witness whereof, The American Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia, have caused their common seal to be affixed to these Presents, in Philadelphia, the Twenty Sixth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty Four

of which it may appear by any payable to assured

Josh. P. Haven Secy

St. J. Dunning President



Shipped, in good order and well conditioned, by the Treasurer of the Mint, in and upon the good *Ship*



Town, Printer, 35 South Third Street,  
Philadelphia.

D. W. Stone, Cashier  
Br. Bank Cape Fear,  
Raleigh,

Car of *Fredericksburg, Va.* Being marked and numbered as in the margin; and to be delivered in the like good order and well conditioned, at the aforesaid  
Port of *Fredericksburg, Va.* (the danger of the Seas only excepted.)  
P. Duvall, Cashier, to *P. Duvall, Esq.,* or to  
Exchange Bank, his Assigns, he or they paying Freight for the said Goods.  
Petersburg, Va. *1/4<sup>th</sup> of Cent*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of said *Ship*  
have affirmed to *four* Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished,  
the others to stand void.

Philadelphia, *July 27. 1844.*

*Samuel Busk*

*Mint of the U.S. July 27. 1844.*  
Dear Sir, you see by the foregoing Bill of Lading that the  
Amount of your late deposit has been sent, in small  
Silver coins, in compliance with your wishes. There  
are in the keg, of Quarters *\$1,789.53*  
Dimes *200.00*  
Half-dimes *150.00*  
Add Expenses as per bill *\$2,357.87*  
Total *\$2,357.40.*

Corresponding to the Memorandum sent to you.  
I have retained the policy of Insurance to be used  
if necessary.  
D. W. Stone, Esq. *R. M. P.*



July 29 /44.

Mr. Charles Bracken, of Wisconsin, called at the office, in consequence of the letter written to Mr. Ames & himself respecting their proposition to furnish the office with copper plumbets.

The Director's first inquiries had regard to the production of copper at the Wisconsin Mines, and Mr. Bracken, (who was very frank in his communications,) gave the following information.

Mr. Bracken's ore - as furnished from the mines - gives something less than 15 per cent. of metallic copper. Choice specimens yield 15 per cent. The ore is a sulphuret.

The cost of transporting the pigs from the furnaces at Wisconsin, to New York or Boston, is about \$15 per ton. They are sent down the Mississippi to New Orleans. It is more expensive to send it by the lakes.



The pigs, on refining, yield 95 per cent.  
of pure copper. Of the part lost, 1 per cent.  
is lead, 1/2 per cent. of 1 per cent. iron, and the  
remainder slag.

The standard yield of Siskimawton pigs  
is 92 per cent.

Mess. Kendall & Co. have a smelter  
nearby at the Muckelins. They sell all they  
make to Mess. Davis & Son of Boston, Agents  
of the Revere Copper Company.

Mr. Bracken sold 150 pigs to Grant  
& Stone, which he understood to have been  
purchased for Crocker, Bros., & Co.

As to the Contract.

Requires that all the payment for his  
planchets be made in money (not copper coins)

That the price be 31 3/4 cents per lb. of pure

If no exact amount be contractible for,  
but planchets to be furnished only on order  
given from time to time, then B. must notice  
to be given, as the pigs might have to  
be sent from the mines.



Hendall & Co. — { Sell all they make to Davis  
of Boston Agent of the Tennessee  
Copper Company. —

{ Ch. Brach — { Sold 150 lbs. of Grant's  
{ Mierin — { Mierin to have been sent to Cook  
{ Per. Co. —

Pigs { 95 lbs of Copper — Per. Co.  
{ 1 Lard & Mierin 6/10 lb of  
{ 1 Pot Mierin — Per. Co. & Lard

S. Am. Pig 92 lbs in the Standard.

Mr. Brach's Ore — in Mass — average weight  
has about 15 lbs of S. — Ore per  
60 lbs. — The ore is all  
Sulphurated. —

Costs about \$15 per ton for mass  
production from furnace to ship  
out Boston. — Just down  
Mississippi to Boston at 100 lbs.



U. S. Mint, Philad<sup>a</sup>. July 30. 1864.

Dear Sir,

I am favoured with your letter of the 14th ult. which came to hand on the 5th inst. I regret to say, that the coins have not yet been received, nor have I heard any thing from Mr. Ledyard, nor from the U. S. Legation at Paris; consequently I am unable to take out a policy of Marine Insurance, as was my intention. As Mr. L. has just been superseded at Paris, and is expected home, my hope is that he is bringing the casket with him; and it is as yet too soon to feel uneasy. However, I desire you will possess yourself of written proof of the actual delivery of the box at the American Embassy in Paris, so as to forward it to me hereafter if it should be found necessary.

As our funds are exhausted by this purchase, I regret that your friend has sent the additional coins, at least that of Didius Julianus, at the price of 40 florins. However, I may be able to retain them, or dispose of them.

I hope you have received the cigars, which were sent according to my last advice, and were the best in the market.

I have not received your letter of May 15.

Our friend Mr. Victorius has arrived among us, and has been ~~very~~ welcomed with an ovation such as has not before honored any private individual here. Tell Mr. Schwarz that his Lot is in excellent health, and is delighting the numerous visitors at Mr. Stenitz's country place with its exquisite music.

J. G. Schwarz, Esq.

H. M. P. Dr.



Mint of the United States,  
Phila<sup>da</sup>. July 30. 1844.

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you, that in pursuance of an arrangement with Mr. Ledyard, late U. S. Charge d' Affaires at Paris, a box of antique coins, purchased on behalf of the Mint of the United States, was forwarded on the 3rd ult<sup>o</sup> to that gentleman, in his public capacity, by J. G. Schwarz Eng. U. S. Consul at Vienna. As the coins have not been received, nor Mr. Ledyard heard from, I shall be indebted to you for the information, whether such a package was deposited at the Legation, and whether Mr. Ledyard intends to bring it himself, or what disposition has been made of it.

I have the honour to be, very res<sup>ly</sup>

your faithful serv<sup>t</sup>

R. M. P.

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His Excellency  
William H. Allen,  
Envoy Extra. & Min. Plen.  
of the U. S.  
at Paris.



Minist. of the United States.

July 31, 1844.

Dear Sir,

At the personal interview which we have had together, the terms on which you have offered to supply the Mint with copper planchets <sup>are</sup> the following:

The price to be 31  $\frac{3}{4}$  cents per lb., payable ~~this price to be paid~~ in gold & silver or their equivalent.

The planchets to be made of copper from mines in the United States.

The planchets to be made at the works of the Revere Copper Company, at Boston.

To judge of these terms, I have had to compare them with the following, on which our planchets are now supplied, and which, as to the prices, are the same as have existed for several years.

The price is 31 cts per lb., if paid in gold or silver, or their equivalent.



The price is 32 cts per lb. if paid in  
coffee coins.

The planchets are made of copper from  
mines in the United States.

The planchets are made at the works  
of Crocker, Brothers & Co., at Taunton,  
Massachusetts.

These terms are, as you see, much  
more advantageous than those which you  
offer, — particularly the condition which  
admits payments in coffee coins, by which  
the gain to the client is very considerable.  
and I therefore feel that I could not  
be justified in accepting the terms which  
you have proposed.

P. M. P.

Wm  
Charles Bracken, Esq.



Mint of the United States.  
Treasury Office, Phila. Oct 1st 1874.

Sir,

I forward you herewith, the quarterly  
account of the ordinary receipts and expenditures of the  
Mint for the third Quarter of the present year, which I  
hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully  
Your most obed. Servt.

To William Collins Page.

J. Roach  
Treasurer

Chief Auditor of the Treasury.



New York Oct 2. 1844.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 20<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> arrived during my absence last week. The Package of books mentioned by Mr Schwartz to which you allude has not arrived yet, nor have I heard a word from him on the subject. As soon as they come to hand I shall attend to the matter as you direct.

During my short stay in Rome I saw, of course a great many remarkable & curious antiquities. But I do not recollect having seen casts of the inscriptions you mention. Altho' I have no doubt but they could be found if there were some one on the spot to look for them. I think this would be the shortest & most certain mode of getting them - and if Mr Green American Consul at Rome would attend to it, I know no one who could accomplish it better. I remember to have seen busts in Rome quite as small as you wish - but the subjects of them I do not recollect.

R. M. Patterson Esq.

I am very sincerely

Yours obt<sup>l</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
J. John Hughes Esq.



Mr. M. Lutton Esq.  
Director of the United States <sup>Mint</sup> Philadelphia  
New York October 22, 1844.

Dear Sir,

Through Adams Express we have this day sent you  
N.Y. 1 parcel (for the mint of the United States) old silver  
for which please make us the return so that we may draw  
against it.

Respectfully  
Yours H. & W. H. H. H.  
Julius Deppermann



To I. Brown Culler  
Comptroller of Treasurers

Print of N. H. H. H.  
Gladys Oct 2. 1844

Sir I have this day forwarded  
to the Auditor Office my general account  
for the Third Quarter of this year. May I  
ask the favor of you to direct the settlement  
of my account for the 2<sup>d</sup> Quarter as soon  
as may be practicable

Very respectfully  
Yr. Obedt Servt  
J. Roach  
Treasurer



Treasury Department  
1<sup>st</sup> Auditor's Office 2 Oct 1834

Sir

Your accounts of the ordinary  
Receipts and Expenditures of the Mint  
for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year have been  
recd.

Very respectfully  
Your Obedt<sup>t</sup> servant  
Wm Collins  
1<sup>st</sup> Auditor

J. Roub E.  
Museum of the Mint  
Philadelphia



Min<sup>tr</sup> of the United States,  
Treasury Office, October 2<sup>d</sup> 1844.

Sir, I herewith forward you the  
Quarterly account of the operations of the  
Mint for the quarter ending the 30th ult.,  
which I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully,  
Yours Ob<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>,  
(signed) Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Cook  
B<sup>l</sup>asson

To  
Wm. Collins Esq.  
1st Auditor of the Treasury,  
Washington



Department of the treasury  
Oct. 2. 1844.

The nomination by you of your son  
Mr Robert Patterson for the office of Clerk of the  
Mint has been submitted to the president. He  
directs me to say, that the nomination is not approved,  
not for any personal objection to your son, but in regard of  
a general rule which he has applied in similar cases.  
The nomination by Mr. Watmough of the Custom house  
at Philadelphia, of his son for a situation under him in the  
custom house was disapproved: The nomination of Mr. Vaudin  
the collector of the port of Delaware, of his son for the office  
of Surveyor of the port, was disapproved: These, & others of  
like kind, were disapproved upon general considerations, &  
not for personal objections.

You will therefore make nomination of some other  
person.

Mr R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint, at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours &c  
Geo. M. Bibb  
Secy of the Treasury



Mont of the United States.  
October 3rd, 1844.

Sir,

I had the honor to write to you,  
on the 14th inst. ultimo, asking, ~~through~~  
~~you~~ the approbation of the President & Secy.  
to a nomination which I made of a  
Quaker's Clerk, to succeed Mr. Geo. S.  
Dunning, whom wish it is to join his  
family in Maine. I presumed that  
the action of the President was prevented  
by his absence from the seat of govern-  
ment. ~~But~~ <sup>now</sup> I do it now <sup>knowing</sup> ~~that~~  
he has ~~again~~ returned, ~~to his city~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~and~~  
you <sup>will</sup> excuse me, if I ~~now~~ <sup>again</sup> ask that you  
will respectfully to renew, through you, my  
application to the President, for his appro-  
bation of the appointment which I nominated  
in my former letter.

Yrs. Geo. M. Bell,  
Secy. of Ind.

R. M. P.  
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Treasury Department  
First Auditor's Office 4 Oct. 1844

Sir,

Your account of the operations  
of the Mint for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup>  
ult. have this day been recd.

I am very respectfully  
Yours Ob<sup>d</sup>. Servant

Wm Collins  
1<sup>st</sup> Auditor

J. Roach Esq  
Museum of Min<sup>ts</sup>  
Philadelphia



Harvard University  
Cambridge Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1844

Dear Sir

Being engaged in the preparation  
of a new edition of my Chemistry, I beg leave to  
inquire if the old process of refining silver is em-  
ployed now in the U. S. Mint, or has the use of  
sulphuric acid been adopted. If the latter what  
is the probable saving effected, & does the gold obtained  
pay the expense?

By such replies as you may see fit to  
afford me to the above you will greatly oblige  
your very Resp<sup>t</sup>

J. M. Webster

Prof. Chem. H. U.



Waltham Mass., Oct. 7/56.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d inst., regarding the nomination of which I made of my son for the place of District Clerk. You inform me that the President had withheld his approval of this appointment, ~~on grounds~~, not ~~of any~~ personal objection, but under a general rule applied in similar cases of which you state examples. I yield cheerfully to this decision. Had I known the existence of the rule, I certainly should not have asked for an exception to it to be made in my favor, nor should I, under any circumstances, have thought of naming a son of mine for any other clerkship in the United States so confidential and personal in its character.

I have been so fortunate as to permit my present Clerk, Mr. Drury, to abandon his intention of leaving the United States, and have given him permission to go to Atlantic, and bring his family back here. He has been serving me, for some years, so entirely to my satisfaction, that I now hope he will continue in his position, as long as I retain mine.

Yours faithfully,  
Wm. Everett Bell

WMB



Min. of the United States,  
Oct. 8th, 1844.

Gentlemen,

Your remittance of 16 bags of  
Copper platelets has come safely to  
hand, was weighed this morning, and  
is already in the course of coinage.

The amount of your bill rendered  
is ————— \$1075.20

The deductions are

for 53 lbs. short weight

at 28 cts ————— 0.15

Freight ————— 5.

Portage ————— 1.50

6.65

Leaving due to you, ————— \$1068.55

We now only <sup>wait</sup> ~~wait~~ for your instruc-  
tions as to the manner in which <sup>you wish</sup> the  
payment of this amount to be made to  
you.

H. M. P.

H. Min. Copper, Boston,  
(Secretary, Mass.)



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

9 Oct 1844.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Draft  
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,  
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return  
to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,  
Treasurer of the United States.

J Roach Esq



Wm. Patterson Esq.  
Director. Brigham Co.  
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We are in receipt  
of your favor of the 8th inst. - & we  
write you to request you to forward  
us check on New York or Boston, for  
amount of our bill of 12 cents - say  
\$1.068 <sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> -

Very Respectfully  
Yours etc.  
George O. Davis



Point of the United States,  
Philad<sup>a</sup>, Octobe 12, 1844.

Gentlemen,

I send you, enclosed,  
a draft on New York in your favor,  
for One thousand and sixty eight  $\frac{7}{10}$  Dollars,  
which pays the balance due on your bill  
of platelets, as per statement in my letter  
to you of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.

Very respectfully,  
Your faithful serv<sup>t</sup>  
R. M. L.

Wm. B. Crocker, & Son, & Co.  
Manufacturers  
Map



Mint of the United States,  
October 14th, 1844.

Gentlemen, I have to request, that,  
in addition to the five tons of copper  
planchets, already ordered, and which  
we hope to receive in a few days, you  
will prepare for us ten tons more, on the  
same terms and conditions, in all respects.  
The season is approaching when the  
difficulties of transporting these invoices  
may be increased.

Very respectfully,  
Yours servant,  
R. M. P.  
Dr

To Messrs. Crocker, B. & Co.  
Purveyors,  
Mint



New York, Oct. 15th. 1846.

Dear Sir,

Some months since, Mr. Charles Glave, having occasion to order some round pencils for the Mint, I requested him to order a small cask for myself, which he accordingly did. Mr. Bohlen the Importer, understood they were all for the Mint, and if the Mint should receive them, the Collector says they are not subject to Duty. I find I shall be obliged to "business" on a much more limited scale than I anticipated, and consequently, they are too large for my purposes. It has occurred to me, that the Mint would be willing to receive the cask designed for me, in the necessity of importing is constantly recurring.

Have the goodness to inform me, as soon as convenient, in relation to this matter.



Please direct to Dr. W. Harrison,  
Mission House, Hicks' St. Brooklyn  
N.Y.

Believe me, Truly,  
Yours, &c.  
W. Harrison.

R. M. Patterson, M.D.  
Director of the Mint.



Philadelphia October 6<sup>th</sup> 1844  
The President & Directors  
of the U. States Mint  
Gentlemen  
Desirous of being employed as  
Clerk or Cashier in the United States  
Mint I respectfully offer my services to your  
consideration. Having been engaged in the busi-  
ness of making Mathematical Instruments  
for more than ten years I think it probable  
I would be capable of making the finest man-  
ufacture required by the Mint. Referring you to  
Walter Gwynne Esq. Civil Engineer formerly  
of Portsmouth N. H. to G. Draper Mathematical  
Instrument maker N. 1<sup>st</sup> Dear St. Philad. to  
Mr. John G. Holmes of the Farmers & Mechanics  
Bank I remain Very Respectfully Yours  
Geo. W. Draper  
Post office Philad.



Dr. R. M. Patterson  
President

W. L. Hunt  
Oct. 10th 1877

Dear Doctor,

Having learned this morn-  
ing, that the "Land Crucibles", ordered  
for Dr. Harnum, are of sim-  
ilar shape to those in use here,  
I have thought it my duty to  
notify you of the fact, that you  
may be saved the necessity of  
repeating a Windmill.

I have no question the  
will be needed before the  
importation, ordered at our last  
by Mr. Bohlen is (see  
of the same) is (see)

Very Sincerely,  
W. L. Hunt

Dr. R. M. Patterson  
Director



My Dear Sir,

Minist of the United States

Philad. Oct 18. 1844

I replied the question asked in your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> respecting Crucibles, to Doctor M. Flintock and he now informs me that the case imported for you would be useful to him in his department and that it may be sent to the Mint by the Superintendent. I beg that you will take charge of the further transaction of this business.

Some weeks ago your friend Mr. Hapgood came to see me at the Mint and left with me some surgical instruments belonging to you which he had not been able to sell within the limit which you had set upon them. He also left with me a Balance of money due to you. Mr. Downing will state the amount in postscript; for I write at my own house to which I have been confined for a week by an inflammation of the lungs of which however I am nearly relieved.

You will please to let me know how the money & the instruments are to be got into your hands.

When shall we see you in person?

Very faithfully yr friend

Dr J. W. Farquhar

Brooklyn  
N.Y.

W.M.B.

over



To Mr Joseph W. Farnum  
Brooklyn  
N.Y.  
Oct 18. 1844

P.S. The Bal left by W. H. Signal is \$12.21  
& I believe that D. Patterson has among  
his papers a Statement of account left at  
the same time R.D. Dunning

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Mint of the United States.  
Oct. 18th, 1844.

Sir, I have the honor to request that you  
will issue your warrant, in favor of  
the Treasurer of the Mint, for Two  
thousand four hundred dollars, ~~viz~~  
from the appropriations for the present  
current year: viz

For wages of workmen	\$ 2000
For Specimens of our Coins	400
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	\$ 2,400.

R. M. P.

For Hon. Geo. W. Bibb, }  
Sec. of Treasury }



Said

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Wm. City Bank

Oct. 19. 1844

Sir

One of the Correspondents of this Bank  
(viz. the Union Bank Bank at Canandaigua)  
has written to me requesting me to order  
for them a key of Cents from the Mint,  
provided they can be delivered to them  
at Canandaigua without charge.

I am I know well to be the Custodian  
of the Mint. and if it is so still  
and you will then advise me, I  
will direct you draft on New York for  
such amt. as you may inform me  
the key will contain which you will  
agree to deliver to the Union Bk. Bank  
at Canandaigua N.Y.

To the Director of the Mint  
U.S.  
Philadelphia

I am the honor to be  
your M<sup>t</sup>. Servant

Wm. H. Mumford



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

21 Oct 1844.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Draft  
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,  
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return  
to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,  
Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esq



Mint of the U.S.  
Philad. Oct. 22d. 1844.

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 19th  
inst. I have to say, that the copper  
coins are put up in kegs of \$100 each,  
and that any number of kegs you may  
please to order, will be forwarded by  
the Mint to your Correspondence at Cambridge  
Mass. without charge, upon your remitting  
to me a draft or New York for the value of  
the coins.

Very respectfully,  
Yours etc. &c.  
R. M. Patterson  
Director,  
M. C. W. Edelman

Wm. S. Freeman Esq. Cash.  
Albany City H.  
Albany  
N.Y.



R. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director W. & A. Smith.  
Philadelphia

Albany City Bank  
Oct. 24, 1844.

Dear Sir,

I send you enclosed, an  
alt. on Bank of New York of 100. for which please send the key of entry to  
N. O. Langer Esq. Cash. Union Branch Bank at Canandaigua, N. York  
and advise them —

Yours &c.

Wm. Thompson



Dr. A. M. Patterson  
Director U. S. Mint  
Phil.

New York October 24<sup>th</sup> 1851

D<sup>r</sup> Sir, I have sent directed to the  
U. S. Mint, one keg of Copper Blanks, containing 10,000  
and weighing 2552 lbs.

You will find that the weight of  
the Blanks sent, is a trifle greater than that given by  
Mr. Peabody which can be remedied hereafter.

I send you these as a sample, and can furnish  
them at 32 cents, and take cents in payment. If you  
should consider any alteration necessary, I can make  
them precisely in accordance with your directions, and  
if the sample sent meets your approbation, I should  
be happy to receive an order to any amount.

Please write me at your earliest convenience  
giving such directions as you may think proper  
in case you conclude to give the order.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servt  
Selah Hilee



Mint of the United States

Philadelphia, Oct. 28/41

Sir,

In your letter of the 23d of Sept., received here on the 30th, you send a list of Gold bullion, which you state that you had sent to the Mint for coinage, by the way of Charleston S.C. ~~The time that has elapsed since the date of your letter~~ I feel it my duty to mention to you that this bullion has not been brought to the Mint. You are perhaps acquainted with the fact and the reasons, but the delay is such as to give me satisfaction at least to make this communication proper.

R. M. P.

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J. F. E. Hardy,

Cushin Cape Fear Br. Bank  
Saville, N.C.



$235.50 - 32\% = 75.36$   
 ded. Stat. lab. 18/100  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\times$  32%  $= 0.06$   
 ded. freight & p.p.  $\frac{75.30}{1.80}$   
73.50

235.32

<del>66</del> dec.	Prope Value	Value
<u>235.50</u>	98.05	99.90
		98.05
	<u>Waprod. 1.85</u>	



Memorandum of Cast planchets.  
Oct. 28/1844

500 planchets. Less than legal wt. 0.3.48

20 of the above weighed individually

Gave - 5 standard

- 2 .005 light

2 .01 do

8 .015 do

3 .005 heavy

The above memorandum has reference to a  
box of specimen planchets sent to the mint by  
Mr. Melah Miles of New York, as stated in  
his letter of Oct. 24, 1844.

The weight of the cast planchet should, ac-  
cording to law, be 7 grains = 0.35 oz.

The legal allowance for variations from this  
standard weight is 7 grains = 0.015 oz.

The above trial shows, therefore, that  
the planchets were within the legal allowance,  
though they ran, on the whole, too light.

N.M.P.

Oct. 28/44



United States  
Philadelphia Dec 28, 1844

Sir,  
Your letter of the 24th, with a draft  
for \$100, was duly rec<sup>d</sup>, and the Reg<sup>y</sup> of Exch<sup>t</sup>,  
for that am<sup>t</sup>, which you ordered, has  
been forwarded for the Union Branch  
Bank at Amherst, in compliance  
with your request.

Very respectfully,  
Your faithful Serv<sup>t</sup>,  
R. M. P.  
Director

To  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Shuman Esq  
Cash Albany City Bank



New York 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 1844

R. M. Patterson Esq -

Pres<sup>t</sup> of the U. S. Mint. Pa

Sir -

I have this day sent by  
Hurd & Co's express - 2 Packages - each containing  
2 Slabs of a mixture of Gold & Silver - on your  
receiving them have the goodness to give H & Co a receipt  
specifying the weights of each piece & informing me  
how soon it can be coined -

Respectfully Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Geo. F. Bennett



Oct. 31 / 46.

Mr. ——— High Constable of Baltimore  
& Mr. Smith ——— Philadelphia  
called to make inquiry as to certain deposits  
of silver made by John Van Tine, and by  
Geo. Lee in New York.

It appeared that they had made deposits as  
follows:

Geo. Lee	June 1	Baltimore	132.50	cs.
"	"	" 12	"	221.80
John Van Tine	" 14	"	"	149.60
"	" July 1	"	"	102.70

The constables said they had reason to  
believe that these bars were from stolen silver.

They described Van Tine as a tall, thin,  
slab-sided, pale man, &c. Mr. Sprague says  
this does not at all answer the description  
of the individual who made the deposits, and  
whom he would know if he saw him.

Geo. Lee has frequently made deposits,  
and is well known at the office.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Register's Office,

September 2<sup>d</sup> 1844

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the usual Estimates for the fiscal year ending 30 June ~~year~~ 1846, may be prepared and transmitted to this office, as early as convenient, for the purpose of being laid (by the Secretary of the Treasury) before Congress at the ensuing session.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*Wm. M. McKim*

Register.

Robert M. Patterson Esq.  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia



P.S. - I beg leave to remind you that it is contrary to the regulations of the Mint to receive any separate deposits of a value less than \$100, or to submit any pieces of less value to separate assay. This limit is necessary for our protection & is recognized in the 14th Section of the Mint act of Jan. 18. 1837.

Mint of the United States,  
Sept. 3. 1844.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ult., with the enclosed letter to Mr. Cushman & also of the several pieces of gold referred to. I have forwarded to Mr. Cushman your letter with a receipt & Memorandum enclosed, & I now send you a duplicate <sup>to conform with the</sup> Memorandum ~~to your letter~~.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

To/

D. W. Stone, Esq.,

Cashier of the Bank of

Cape Fear,

Wilmington, N.C.



Rank of Lieut. of N. Y. Co  
Sept. 1844

V. M. Patterson Esq  
Secretary of the Union of N. Y.

Dear Sir, Herewith I enclose  
The N. Y. Co. you will receive a Box of Gold  
Buttons containing 24. 24. 1/2. 1/2. 1/2. 1/2. as by  
the annexed Receipt. You will please hand  
it (if possible) separately. Showing the value of  
each piece to the collector. And finally, as in  
the Annexed and send the list of the pieces  
together with the Must Certificate for the N. Y.  
Company. Mr. Snow will call on you for  
them in his return from N. Y.

Very respectfully  
Yrs. Obedt  
C. B. Davis



From / C. Dearey Esq. Cashier  
Bank of the State of  
N. Carolina.  
Sept. 5. 1844  
Rec'd. 10. -

Invoice of 32 Bundles of Gold Bullion p. C. Dearey

Names of Sellers	Number Bundles	Number Pounds	Dolls.	Cts.
Wm. N. Avery & Co	1	3	5037.	
Wm. H. Richards & Co	2	7	2972	
Shalmon Hawkins & Co	3	4	1913	
G. Mc. Reid	4	2	1827	
John M. Carson	5	4	1586	12
James McWhorter	6	3	1416	12
James H. Hancey	7	2	990	
John Glap	8	2	303	12
Henderson G. Weaver	9	2	844	
E. B. Satterwhite	10	3	1159	12
A. Cofernung	11	3	453	
Thomas Waller	12	2	453	
William Mull	13	1	311	
H. B. Satterwhite	14	1	188	12
L. A. Weaver	15	1	138	
Thomas Hemphill	16	2	282	
Jas. W. P. Hemphill	17	1	483	12
John & Thos Hemphill	18	1	182	
E. J. & A. H. Erwin	19	1	408	12
Wm. C. Erwin	20	3	490	06
Cyrus Hicks	21	1	269	
John Reid	22	1	208	
Asper Nail	23	2	424	06
J. H. Glap	24	1	150	
G. H. Glap	25	1	150	
Thomas Butler	26	1	151	
James C. Smythe	27	2	359	
Wm. A. Erwin	28	1	162	
R. C. Pearson	29	1	137	
Geo. S. Perkins	30	1	117	
Edmund Bryan (Agent)	31	1	176	12
Bogle & Thatcher	32	1	196	
			24348	12

C. Dearey



Post Office Chicago Ill.  
9. Sept 1844

Sir

As I am unacquainted  
with the name of the Treas. U. S. Mint  
at St. Louis

Post Office Chicago  
Illinois 9. Sept 1844

Sir

Attn. per. paid Sept. for 100. -  
I want the amount in cents. - Please  
ship as follows. pay freight as far as it  
is customary & advise me of shipment.  
mark package "

Wm Stuart

Chicago Illinois

Way - Western Transportation Co.

By Steam or Lakes.

Care N. Norton & Co.  
Chicago "

Respectfully

To the Treasurer  
U. S. Mint  
Phil. Pa.

Wm Stuart Rec



Post Office Chicago Ill.  
9. Sept 1844

Sir

As I am unacquainted  
with the name of the Treas. U. S. Mint  
in yr. City. I have made the sum of  
\$1000 payable to your order, & have to  
request you to endorse & give it the  
proper direction

Respectfully

J. Aoy Jr. Esq.  
Mn.  
Phil.  
Pa.

Yr obdt  
J. Aoy Jr.



Sir,

Minut 11. 5.  
Sept. 10. 1824.

On the 23<sup>d</sup> ult. the Director of the Mint  
advised you respecting a case of coins sent to  
you care from Havre, by the Ship Sack, d'Orleans.  
With a view to execution you as little trouble  
as possible, I now write, in the absence of the  
Director, to request that you will deliver the  
case of coins referred to to the bearer, Mr. S.S.  
Hessup, who comes daily to the Mint, who  
I know to us as a trusty messenger.

If any pre-payment of charges is necessary  
please inform me by the bearer.

G. F. Sturges,  
Director's Clerk.

To  
— Van Ness, Esq.,  
Collector of the Port,  
New York. }



New York 14 Sept 1846

R M Patterson Esq  
Phila<sup>a</sup> -

Dear Sir

I again take the liberty  
to trouble you with Harnden's receipt for a small package  
of Gold Dust, which have the goodness to have the  
needful done with - On Monday there will be  
another small package, they are to be assayed separately.



Excusing the trouble

I remain respectfully  
Your O<sup>b</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

J<sup>c</sup> Dominguez



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NEW-YORK  
AND  
PHILADELPHIA  
EXPRESS.  
PROPRIETORS:  
WILLIAM A. LIVINGSTON,  
No. 3 Wall Street, New-York.  
JOHNSTON LIVINGSTON,  
43 South Third St., Philadelphia.  
  
PACKAGES  
Received at No. 3 Wall St.  
AND FORWARDED TO  
PHILADELPHIA,  
AND FOR  
BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON,  
CHARLESTON, PITTSBURGH,  
AND CINCINNATI.

New-York, Sept 14 1844  
Received from *Greg Doungz*  
*One Package*  
Marked *Greg Doungz Phil<sup>a</sup>*  
Contents as represented *Coin*  
to be Forwarded to Philadelphia for  
loss by fire, ~~theft~~, and perils by water and other transportation excepted.  
Wm. A. LIVINGSTON & CO. *Washington & Co*  
EXPRESS FORWARDERS



Mint of the U. S.  
Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1844.

Sir, I have the honor to request that  
you will issue your warrant in favor of  
the Treasurer of the Mint, for six thousand  
four hundred & twenty five dollars, out of the ap-  
propriation for the current fiscal year, viz:  
In Salaries of Officers & Clerks, \$4,425.  
" Wages of Workmen, 2,000.  
\$6,425.

V. M. P.  
S.

To  
Hon. Geo. M. Bibb, }  
Secy of the Treasury.







Referring to the situation, I will mention that  
he <sup>had</sup> ~~received~~ a thorough college education  
at the University of Virginia, and after  
wards secured the highest honor in the Law  
Class in that institution, of which he became  
a graduate. He ~~then~~ <sup>subsequently</sup> began the practice  
of his profession in this city, with a degree  
of success which would have put the ac-  
ceptance of a clerkship out of the question.  
But unhappily he has become afflicted  
with a hardness of hearing which has  
interrupted his professional career, and which  
<sup>now</sup> makes this situation <sup>of a clerkship</sup> in the Court very de-  
sirable for him.

As he has a good education, good  
talents, and an unimpeachable personal  
character, I have great confidence in asking  
that the President will approve of his ap-  
pointment.

Very respectfully,  
Your faithful servant,  
R. M. Patterson  
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To  
Hon. Gerrit B. Bell  
Secy of Treasury





New York 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 1844  
W. Patterson Esq

Dear Sir I again enclose you today an  
other script of Harders express for another 100 lbs  
of gold dust which I beg of you to leave  
it covered as soon as practicable  
Excusing my frequent trouble

I give you I remain Dear Sir  
Very Resp<sup>ly</sup>  
J. D. Jennings



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**NEW-YORK  
AND  
PHILADELPHIA  
EXPRESS**  
PROPRIETORS:  
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**JOHNSTON LIVINGSTON,**  
43 South Third St., Philadelphia.  
  
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AND FORWARDED TO  
**PHILADELPHIA,**  
AND TO  
BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON,  
CHARLESTON, PITTSBURGH,  
AND CINCINNATI.

New-York, Sept 16 1844.  
Received from *Mr. J. Livingston*  
*On Package*  
Marked *R. N. 3.*  
Contents as represented *Gold Dust*  
to be FORWARDED to PHILADELPHIA for *U. S. Mint*  
loss by fire, robbery, and perils by water and other transportation excepted.  
WM. A. LIVINGSTON & CO.  
EXPRESS FORWARDERS. *N. G. Howard*



TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Register's Office, September 16th, 1844.*

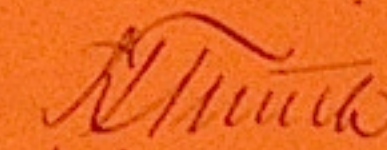
SIR:

In connection with the circular from this office of the 2d instant asking for the usual estimates for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1846, I ask leave to call your attention to the 2d section of the act of 17th June, 1844, in the following words, viz:

"Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever, hereafter, in submitting to Congress the annual estimates from the several Executive departments of the Government, it shall be found that the usual items of such estimates vary materially in amount from the appropriation ordinarily asked for the object named, and especially from the appropriation granted for the same objects for the year next preceding, and whenever new items not theretofore usual shall be introduced into such estimates for any year, the estimates shall be accompanied by minute and full explanations from the head of the appropriate department, of all such variations and new items, setting forth the reasons and grounds upon which the amounts are required, and the different items added: and whenever any such estimate, whether annual or special, shall ask an appropriation for any new specific expenditure, such as the construction of a fort, the erection of a custom-house, or other public building, or the construction of any other public work requiring a plan before the building or work can be properly completed, every such estimate shall be accompanied by a full plan and detailed estimates of the cost of the whole work; and all subsequent estimates for every such work shall give the original estimated cost, the aggregate amount theretofore appropriated for the same, and the amount actually expended thereupon, as well as the amount asked for the current year for which such estimates shall be made; and whenever any such subsequent estimate shall ask for an appropriation for any such work beyond the original estimate of the cost, the full reasons for the excess, and the extent of the anticipated excess, shall be also stated."

I am sir, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,



Register.



Mo. of U.S.  
Philad. Sep. 27. 1844.

Sir, I send you herewith a bill of  
lading of the Reg. of Cobs purchased by  
you on your late visit at the Mine. The  
payment, as you know was to be deducted  
from the amount of your deposits of gold  
made on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. The net value  
of that deposit is \$103.70. The payment  
required for the Reg. of Cobs, after  
deducting \$5.00 for the cost of transpor-  
tation, is \$95. The balance, \$8.70,  
will be retained, subject to your demand.

Now as the quarter is nearly close,  
it is necessary for the settlement of our  
accounts, that we have from you the Mine  
Receipt given to you when you deposited  
the gold, and I would suggest that  
it be endorsed payable to our Clerk  
Geo. W. Edelman. Please, therefore,  
to send it, thus endorsed, by return of  
mail.

Very respectfully,  
R. M. D.

To C. M. Cutty, Esq.  
Care of Messrs. Baldwin, Childs & Co.  
111. 25 William Street, New York.



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

17 Sept 1844.

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Draft  
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,  
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return  
to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esq



Trans.  
Wm. and Mary Bill.

Sept. 14/46

Rev. Sam. Doct.

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Columbade Row  
Thursday Morning  
Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1846

Dear Sir  
General Solothor, Governor  
of the Danish Island of St.  
Thomas in the West Indies, is  
at present in this city at sea,  
and has expressed to me a  
desire to see the United States  
Mint when in full operation  
for coining, but as he is an  
invalid, suffering greatly from  
the gout, I should not like  
to take him there, unless I  
were sure his curiosity would  
be gratified. Allow me there-  
fore to request the favor of  
You to inform me, on  
what day such full action



of the Mint will take place,  
having myself frequently  
been disappointed in calling  
there with strangers of cap  
note. By complying with  
this request You will greatly  
oblige Dear Sir

Your most obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Stam. Hill

If You will allow me to in-  
troduce You to him, or him  
to You, I shall be most happy  
in so doing.



Mint of the United States

Philad<sup>a</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 20. 1844

Mr. Mr. Sir,

Early in July last I received a letter from A. G. Schreyer Esq. U. S. Consul at Vienna, in which he informs me that certain Works on Coins, purchased for the Mint of the United States, would be enclosed in a package of books, which he was expecting to forward to you, via Trieste, by the first opportunity. You will do me a favor, if, on the arrival of the package, you will cause our share of the importation to be sent on to Philadelphia by any of the Express lines, and at the same time inform me what will be our proportion of the whole expense; which will be immediately paid.

Allow me to take this occasion to open another subject. I have been desirous to illustrate ~~our~~ the Roman Imperial Series in our Cabinet of Coins, by inserting in small niches, good heads <sup>in profile</sup> of the Emperors, Emperresses, and Cæsars, executed in plaster, talc, or sulphur, or other good composition; the casts to be in an oval form,



Measuring 3 or 4 inches in the largest diameter. For this purpose  
I wrote long ago to our Consul at Rome, but have never  
heard from him. I have since received a few specimens from  
Paris, but of indifferent execution. Will you have the  
goodness to inform me whether such an article as I have  
named, of fine workmanship & authentic likeness, can be  
had in Rome? Please also to state whatever knowledge  
you have as to prices, dealers, &c. and mention some method  
by which the purchase could be made, and the importation  
effected, ~~without~~ If there are busts of ~~these~~ such small  
dimensions, please mention the fact. Your acquaintance & connexion  
with Rome induce me to trespass on your kindness with these inquiries.

I am respectfully

your faithful servt

Rt. Rev. Dr. Hughes

R. C. Bishop of New-York

P.S. A package of antique coins, which had been  
despatched by Mr. A. the day before he sailed, via  
Paris & Havre, has been received.



Mint of the U.S.  
Sept. 20. 1844.

Sir, Your letter & draft of the 9th were received  
yesterday, & I now send you a bill of lading of  
the bag of cents which you have ordered.

R. M. P.  
D.

To/ W. Stewart, Esq., P. M.  
Chicago, Ill. }



Mint of the U. S.  
Sept. 20. 1844.

Gentlemen,

I have to ask that you will send us five tons of cent planchets, to be paid for in copper coins as heretofore, at 32 cents per lb. avoird., and to be manufactured, agreeably to your recent engagement, exclusively of copper from Mines in the U. States.

We find that the last mintage of planchets ran so much too light, as to require your attention. The over-production of the five tons was \$38.42, and the average defect of weight was 4.2 grains in the cent, the legal limit being 7 grains. They can therefore be distributed, but it is an desire to adhere as rigidly to the law as possible.

As our supply of copper coins is running very low, I have to beg that you will send us the balance of the last order of planchets as soon as possible, & also that you will lose no time in executing the present order.

P. M. P.  
D.

To Messrs. Crocker, Bros. & Co.,  
Hannover, Mass. }



Best place  
to send the money to

Office of the Finance Dept.  
Tasmania Nov. 23 1846

Geo. W. Edelman Esq.

Darwin

I sent by Mr James W. McNeill  
about 100 lbs. of gold Bullion marked  
with the Union Pattern to be coined at the Mint  
say about 114 oz. It was sold by Mr Barnet Withers  
of the House of Barnet Withers & Co. 120 ~~St. Mark St~~  
Ph<sup>o</sup>. The net amt. is about 3 Sept 1846 for 114 <sup>23</sup>/<sub>100</sub> oz  
Gold Value 2046. <sup>92</sup>/<sub>100</sub> but as giving no particulars of  
the value of each parcel, our bank advance on the  
Bullion & allow the Acceptor the Mint Valuation.  
of course I cannot give him any further Credit for  
receipt. without I can get a statement of each parcel  
which you will oblige me to send by mail to this place  
the parcels were marked

	at date of	
Thos. Eldridge	17. 5. 14	17.28
Thos. Comstock	33. 9. 18	33.48
James Garnett	15. 19. 6	15.96
Bernard G. Beecher	47. 1. 7	47.06
		113.78

What you may need with the rest

Very Respects  
Wm. R. R. R.



Mount Airy  
Sept. 25 /46.

Sir,  
In answer to your letter of the 23rd,  
I have to state, that the deposits of gold,  
made in the name of Burnitt, withing Year,  
on the 3d inst., are presented as a single  
~~deposits~~ <sup>interest</sup>, and melted and assayed in one  
mass. We have, therefore, no means for  
determining rigidly the values of the separate  
~~two~~ parcels. As they were all hard,  
however, and as they were all Virginia  
gold, I think it may be safely assu-  
med that their values were proportional  
to their weights; in which case, according to  
my estimate, the partition would stand as  
follows:

	oz.	Dolrs.
Thos. Eldridge, --	17.28	310.55
Thos. A. Martin, --	33.49	602.43
James Garnett, --	15.96	287.05
Bernard G. Becker, --	17.06	316.36

R. W. P.

J. A. Vaughan, Esq.  
Cash: Geo.  
Farmville,  
Piedmont, Va.



Legation of the United States, American  
Washington, September 26, 1864.

Dear Sir,

I duly received some months ago your  
favorable letter to the contrary, a chronological list  
arrived of the list of coins sent by Captain  
Hobbes, your most pleasant to know that  
they gave you satisfaction. As I had collected  
them hastily, some of the copper coins of the former  
Empire were not as good specimens as I wished.  
I have continued purchasing the same kind of  
coins to fill up your commission, but silver ones  
are extremely scarce, & comparatively dear; gold coins  
are plentiful & cheap, and good copper coins are  
scarce. I can readily make a collection of gold,  
and if it is not beyond the views of the Mint,  
in the form for which the collection is intended,  
I would recommend it. I am slowly making a  
collection of coins of the L. S. for myself, and where  
I can afford it, purchase gold. I am collecting, besides  
them, Persia coins and Sclavonian coins, and coins of  
all the Mussulman dynasties which have reigned  
in the East, so that of the latter I have some



a very valuable collection which I have seen in fragments as  
usual. I have these links in Copper coins, and on  
Sulphide in, - partly in those of the Roman Empire,  
and lately, by great good fortune, met with a cheap  
copy of Minuart. I am frequently offered ancient  
Greek coins, viz. of Asia Minor, & the Aegean Islands, and  
also coins of the Roman Emperors, but have preferred  
sending my men and means to such coins as I  
thought would be rarest in the United States. I  
have extended my sources of collecting to different places  
in the interior, and already received some coins  
from Mount & Virginian, and some from the  
Mounts in a facility to me, more I am disposed to  
purchase for others at the same time, for it is  
frequently necessary here to purchase coins one does  
not want, to obtain those which are wanted.  
There are 3 or 4 persons here who collect, some  
of them have valuable collections, but their best  
coins are not obtained, even here, without paying  
well for them. But yet coins of, according to Minuart,  
No 100 & 300 are frequently bought for No 10 & 20 to  
50.

I hope you will favor me with a few lines in reply,  
and if you have any more coins, let me select one.  
If any Society, with which you are connected,  
desires coins, you would do me a favor to mention

my position and occupations here, to which I have  
I might avail myself, and benefit me as well  
the Society. I can send you thousands of the common  
Copper coins of the L. E. which I have obtained  
ready & available.

I have doubtless read of Mr. Bette's researches  
at Sharat, a recent discovery in N. M. They  
tend much to explain the Paria, and the  
History of the people whom they were struck. I  
am anxious of these accounts, allow me to be  
assured you to the Journal Asiatique of  
Paris, and so.

The Turkish Pacha has at length commenced  
striking off a new & greatly improved coinage.  
They have now great gold pieces of P100 & P50, and  
silver, also gold of P20, P10, & P5. I believe  
there are also near the standards of gold and  
gold & silver coins. From such I could  
send them to you via England. It is buying  
up all the old gold, & gradually calling in the  
copper & silver pieces. The new gold is at a premium  
of about 10 P6 to P10 in the Pans; the silver  
in Indian coins from P108 to P110 Blue £, and  
the £ is at P23. The new coinage is now slowly  
entering the stream, a rather premature issue, and as



your American friend John Hays  
orders for the metal for the dies. The new  
coinage is all from England.

I enclose the 'Manual of Coins' and Proctor &  
Singer, & beg leave to offer you my thanks for  
the present. Mr. Carr, the Minister, had one in  
his library, and at my recommendation, gave  
it to H.E. Tyler Esq, the representative,  
Chief of the Mint. He greatly admired it, the  
beauty of the engravings, and the utility  
of the book. He immediately called for the head  
of the Mint, an American, named Dray Ogden (at  
present in Europe, & whose family interests the  
superintendent of the coinage) and showed it to  
him. Dray Ogden followed me out of his presence to  
begin to praise me for him, but as he after-  
wards countermanded the report, I understood that  
Tyler Esq had presented him with this.

Hoping to be favored with a further piece  
at your convenience, I remain, respectfully,  
Dear Sir,

John H. Brown



Minist. of the United States.

Sept. 26, 1846.

Sir,

By the act of June 17, 1846, "making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1847," the following appropriation is made: (page 79.)

For the purchase of the perpetual right, for the civil and Branch Minis. of the United States, to the use of a patented apparatus, ~~invented~~ <sup>invented</sup> for counting coins, invented by the late Rufus Tyler, two thousand five hundred dollars.

It is now my desire to make this purchase, and I ask your advice as to the ~~form~~ <sup>mode</sup> to be pursued, in order to effect this purpose legally.

I send herewith the patent in question, and an authenticated copy of the Will of the late Rufus Tyler. I have to state that the legatee William Tyler died a minor; that the widow and four children survive, one only of the children (a daughter) being of age. They are all residing in this city. The executor and trustee, Phileas B. Tyler is a resident of New Orleans, but is at



present in Philadelphia, in a short time, to see  
I will call at your office, in a short time, to see  
can the action for which I now respectfully apply.

H. M. Pullen  
Quincy

J. Henry M. Wall, Esq.  
U. S. District Attorney  
St. Louis



Albion, N.Y.  
Sept. 26 / 41.

Gentlemen,

I wrote to you on the 20<sup>th</sup>, asking  
that you would send the balance of the <sup>order</sup> of  
five hundred <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>blanchets</sup>, as soon as possible, as our supply  
of copper coins was running very low. I  
have now to state that we are reduced to  
the last bag, and to beg that you will  
send us the balance in question, as you did  
the last remittance, by mail, and so. I  
have also to ~~propose~~ <sup>propose</sup> that the payment  
for it be made in money, as was the last.  
My order of the 20<sup>th</sup>, however, to be paid  
in copper coins.

R. M. P.

D. r.

To  
Messrs. Crocker, Brewster, & Co.,  
Treasurers, Albany.





Shipped,

In good order and well conditioned, by *Crocker Br 46* in and upon the Schooner  
called the *Adams* whereof *Crowell* is Master for the  
present voyage, now in the harbor of Providence and bound for Philadelphia, to say:

*16 Kegs Copper 3840 lbs*

Domestic Goods;

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order and well con-  
ditioned, at the aforesaid port of Philadelphia, (danger of the sea only excepted) unto

*Two dollars 80 cts* *per cwt* *mint* or to assigns, he or they paying freight for said goods, viz:  
*per cwt* with prime and average.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master of the said vessel hath affirmed to *the* Bills of Lading  
of this tenor and date: one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void

Dated at Providence. *Sept 27* *the* *1844*

*Nathl Crowell*



Proctor Sept 28. 1844.

Wm C. Adams, Esq.  
Director U.S. Mint.  
Wash. D.C.

Your esteemed favors  
of the 20th & 26th inst. are received. The latter, however,  
after having made shipment of 16 keps. planchets from  
Providence, the bill & B. being annexed.

The 16 keps were all we had manufactured,  
but we trust there will be no inconvenience to delay  
before the receipt of them.

We shall proceed to execute your order  
for the five tons, contained in your letter of the  
20th inst. - & remain.

Yours Very Respectfully,

Crocker Bros. & Co.



Mo. of U.S.  
Treas. Office September 1864.

Sir I herewith forward you  
the quarterly statement ending this day  
as a Depositary of the public money.

Very respectfully,  
Yours &c. T. C. S. S.

(Signed)  
Abner Rock  
Treas.

Wm. Selden Esq.  
Treas. of the U.S.  
Washington



Mont. U.S. Phil. Sept 28/54

Dear Sir

I have the satisfaction to inform you that the package of coins has been rec<sup>d</sup>, having arrived at N.Y. on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. I have also to express my gratification at finding, from a partial exam<sup>n</sup>, that the coins fully answer your desire. & my expecta<sup>n</sup>; and that so much care was taken to have them properly labelled & packed. They shall have a conspicuous place in our Cabinet Room, in glass cases to be made expressly for them, and pains will be taken to show them to advantage. They will here excite the admira<sup>n</sup> not of a few connoisseurs only, but of numerous daily visitors, for our Mint is open to the public, & large numbers of persons avail themselves of the easy terms of admist<sup>n</sup>. These, with about 150 specimens rec<sup>d</sup> from other sources, will undoubtedly form the most val<sup>u</sup>able collect<sup>n</sup> of antiques in this country, & perhaps the largest also, for the numis<sup>tic</sup> taste is only begin<sup>g</sup> to be awakened, or created, here.

I have not yet caused the pieces to be compared with the catalogue, but from a few revisions, & from other testimonials of care & accuracy, I expect to find every thing correct.

I shall pay early atten<sup>n</sup> to your request respect<sup>g</sup> the coins & specimens of Amer<sup>ican</sup> coins. Allow me to correct yr friend by saying, that we have no dolls of 1824 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; there was a void in this coinage from 1826 to 1835 both inclu<sup>sive</sup>, & even pieces of 1835 or 1836 are scarcely to be procured. I think we can get those of 1841 & 42, for which you inquire.

The books have not yet been rec<sup>d</sup>. I have written to Bp. H. informing him that they are expected.



The copies by Becker are admirable. I might almost say  
deplorable, since they are so difficult of detection, & thus increase  
the hazard & doubt of collection. I suppose you have seen some of  
his Roman medallions. As a probable prelude to a larger  
order at some future day, I wish, if it can easily be done, that  
you would procure me about fifty dollars' worth of them, either  
in silver or brass, mostly that we may see what they are;  
this will go a very little way, but will do for a sample.  
My object would be to have those which exhibit fine taste &  
workmanship, tho' they sh<sup>d</sup> not be rare. You ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> send them  
perhaps by some American who may visit y<sup>r</sup> city; I am  
not urgent however, & leave it to your convenience to procure  
them or not.

I shall be happy at all times to hear from you, and  
in the meantime remain as ever,

Your faithful servant

J. M. P.

Director

J. P. Schwarz, Esq.  
U. S. Consul, Vienna



New York Nov. 29. 1844

R. M. Patterson Esq.  
Philada.

Dr Sir

In reply to the several en-  
quiries in your enclosed favor of the  
23<sup>rd</sup> inst to Mr. S. Fowler of this city  
I beg respectfully to reply as follows  
1<sup>st</sup> In August 1835 - (I suppose - from the  
best of my recollection, that, to be the time)  
I deposited personally - at the U.S.  
Mint at Philada. - about 73 ounces  
of Bar Silver - to be coined - in U.S.  
Silver - .

2<sup>nd</sup> The memorandum or receipt given by  
the mint for this deposit is not now  
distinctly recollected by me - i.e. as to  
form - but I do recollect that the mint  
informed me at the time that I could  
take the paper they gave me to the  
Nat Bank & get the money for it,  
by the payment of a small discount  
which I never did: At the time  
I left the silver with the mint, I was  
directed to call on a certain day for the  
coin - but having called on the day  
designated & the coin not ready, I  
left for New York - with the paper  
I received from the mint - and about  
the end of 1836 - whilst residing in  
Laurens St. in this city - and opposite  
to Lorillard's Tobacco Store House  
which was consumed by fire - my house  
was filled with firemen and others,  
and I lost my overcoat and other



clothing - containing my pocket book  
with about \$20 in money and many  
valuable papers - including the paper  
in question from the mint - none of which  
have ever been recovered - and expect-  
ing from time to time to visit Philad.  
I thought to leave it till I called my  
self at the mint - which added to  
my expectation from reason, but  
has caused the delay and may to those  
knowing or believing the deposit to be safe  
behave.

Very Respectfully  
George Ruddy  
No 25 N. 2d St

State of New York  
City & County of New York ss.

George Ruddy of the City of New York  
(the writer of the foregoing letter) being by me  
duly sworn according to law on his oath  
saith, that the contents of the foregoing  
letter is - to the best of his knowledge, be-  
-lief and recollection just and true.

Sworn to before me  
this 2nd day of ~~Dec~~ <sup>Dec</sup> 1844 George Ruddy  
J. R. Flanagan  
Commissioner of Deeds

The subscribers - citizens of New York  
being well acquainted with George  
Ruddy - do take pleasure in bearing  
testimony to his respectability and  
standing in our community - as a  
man of integrity - honesty, and con-  
scientiousness, and morality, and we  
unhesitatingly place reliance on his  
statements - Nov. 1844.

W. H. Jones  
Vice Presdt. of  
the Custom Mutual Ins. Co.  
18 Wall St  
J. R. Flanagan

R. M. Patterson Esq.

From a long and intimate  
acquaintance with Mr George Ruddy, I take  
pleasure in adding my testimony to that of  
the above gentlemen as to his character and  
standing in society.

At New York Dec 10. 1844.

Silvanus Hiler



*List of Gode's Notes sent by Charleston to the Bank of P. for  
Care of J. H. Robinson at the Planters & M. Bank S.C.*

10		
1	John W. Glasp	250
2	Byron & Glasp	222
3	George Glasp	155
5	J. H. Crain	328
6	M. M. Sump	497
7	J. C. Thayer	138
8	J. W. Smyth	313
9	P. Hawkins	323
10	Hawkins & Co.	226
11	J. L. Garrison	177
12	J. H. Forney	600
13	J. M. Reed	320
14	Do Do	575
15	J. H. Hardy Cashier	Beckth's coin

*R. C. Fran Br at Asheville N.C.  
Apr 26 1844*

*P. M. Patterson Esq  
Director Nat Bank  
Sir*

*Now I send you a list of Gode's Notes  
forwarded this day through Charleston to  
you for coinage. I enclose this with yours,  
of the 11th inst with certificate enclosed  
Very Respectfully  
Yours etc Lusk  
J. H. Hardy Cashier*



Mont. M.S. Nov 23/86.

Sir,

On your recent visit to the Mint, you called my attention to a deposit of silver made by Mr. George Rudd, in Aug. 1858, for which he told you that he had never asked or received payment, in consequence of his having lost his proper Mint voucher, by a fire.

I have caused particulars regarding the matter to be made into this extraordinary case, but I find it would be also to get some further information from Mr. Rudd, and, as I do not know his address, I take the liberty of writing on the matter to you.

I have then to ask him whether he ever got a Mint Certificate for his deposits. On making it, a memorandum receipt was given, but it was to be followed by a certificate stating the value of the deposits, as ascertained by assay. Did Mr. Rudd ever get this paper?

Did Mr. Rudd make the deposits in person?



What were the circumstances under which  
he lost his receipt, or his certificate, or the  
case may be? When did this loss occur?

How has it happened that he has allowed  
nine years to elapse, without making any  
application for the amount of his deposit?

I wish Mr. Ruddle's answer to be given  
under his own hand.

R. M. P.

Edw.

J. Selah Wiley, Esq.  
New York



Dec 21. 1874.

Mr. Callahan Esq.  
Director.

Dear Sir.

(You gave me)  
the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. covering check for \$1,065.13.  
being amount due on bill of lading  
Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> we have received this day.

The quantity now wanting to complete  
the 5 tons is finished, and shall forward  
it by some expeditious conveyance to be  
delivered to you in good time.

We find it extremely difficult to obtain  
Copper from our <sup>(U.S.)</sup> mines of suitable quality  
to use. There is none now to be had  
in market. We have engaged 3 or 4 tons,  
now on the way from the mines to Boston,  
but some time may elapse before it reaches.

Under these circumstances, we shall  
proceed to make five tons from the



I am in big (unless you advise us  
to the contrary) which we shall forward  
before navigation closes - after which we  
shall without doubt collect sufficient  
to make a like quantity for our own  
use - which we will send along by  
R.R. Road as fast as finished -

For the amount of this shipment  
about to be made we will write you  
concerning - and am

Yours very Respectfully

Geo. W. Davis

P.S. We notice your remarks abt the size  
of some the plants - This will not  
recur again -



Brunswick, Me., Nov. 28, 1844.

My dear Sir,

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th, & to thank you for your kind consideration of the circumstances which have kept me so long from my post. I had construed your silence friendly as your letter explains it; and while I felt sure that I could safely remain here until I should hear from you, I had already determined to start for Philadelphia at the earliest practicable day. Indeed I should have returned to the Unit before this, but for the very low state of my sister's health, - so low that for three weeks the surprise was that she continued from day to day. While she continued thus, I could not think of leaving her; and it was not until she was released from her sufferings & "taken home", as she herself expressed it, that I began to make arrangements for my departure.

It is my present purpose to leave here on Wednesday next, so as to be in Phil<sup>a</sup> by Dec. 1st. Circumstances may delay me a few days later, but I shall at all events be there in the first week of December.

I am glad that my brother has been able to supply my place so satisfactorily; though I cannot but feel that the assurance you give me, that my absence has not occasioned you inconvenience, is more indicative of your kindness than of his usefulness.

Very respectfully & truly Yours,

Geo. F. Downing.

L. R. M. Patterson.



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

21 Nov 1847.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Draft  
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,  
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return  
to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,  
Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Hoach Esq



My dear Mr. L.

March 11th

Dear Mr. L.

Yours

I have enclosed a specimen of  
planchets now received yesterday, and I  
now send enclosed a draft for \$100.00,  
the amount due for them, according to the  
accompanying statement.

I am sorry to say that the various  
complaints of this set of planchets, as being  
more than actually unequal in diameter,  
and many of them so large as not to  
enter the collar. Some of them have,  
in consequence, struck to the upper die,  
so as to cause the planchets to come under  
it at the same time, and thus to endan-  
ger the press. Please to have this mat-  
ter looked into. Your milling machine  
must be defective.

Very truly, Yours

W. M. L.



Wash. D. C.  
Nov. 19 / 44

Sir,  
I have the honor to request that you  
will issue your warrant, in favor of the  
Sum of the salary, for five thousand  
dollars, (\$5000), out of the appropriation  
of the current fiscal year, for the payment  
of wages.

Wm. Patterson  
Jr

Wm. Gerrit Bell,  
Secy. Treasury.



**SHIPPED** in good order and condition, by *S. T. Robinson Cashier*  
 in and upon the good Brig — called the *Paul T. Jones*, whereof  
*Taylor* is Master for the present Voyage, and now lying  
 in the Port of Charleston, and bound for Philadelphia Penn  
 viz: *One parcel of Gold Bullion said*  
*to contain Ten thousand eight hundred*  
*eighty seven Nine dollars*

*R. M. Patterson Esq*  
*Superintendent*  
*U. S. Mint*  
*Philadelphia*  
*Penn*

being marked and numbered as in the Margin, and are to be delivered in the like good  
 order and condition, at the aforesaid Port of Philadelphia Penn —  
 (the dangers of the Seas only excepted) unto *R. M. Patterson Esq* or  
 to his Assigns, the ~~and they paying~~ Freight for the said ~~goods~~ at the rate of  
 one quarter of one per Cent being paid in this place

with *Freight and Average accustomed, viz Twenty seven 27 per Cent*  
 In Witness whereof, the Master or Purser of the said Brig — hath  
 affirmed to these Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date, one of which being  
 accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at Charleston S. C. *James Taylor*  
 November 17 1844

*Planters & Merchants of*  
*Charleston 19 Nov 1844*  
 Dear Sir,  
 Annexed you have bill lading  
 of a parcel of gold Bullion shipped to  
 your address by direction of our agent  
 J. E. McArthur Cashier Asheville N. C. on  
 the Brig Paul T. Jones, sailed yesterday.  
*I am Dear Sir,*  
*R. M. Patterson Esq*  
*Supt of the U. S. Mint*  
*Philadelphia*  
*W. S. Robinson*  
*Cash*



Rev. W. Pittman Esq.

Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir.

<sup>70</sup>  
Pawtucket Nov 16. 1874.

Enclosed we hand  
in 22 Regs planchets made from American  
copper. (U.S.). & will be shipped by  
Scho. King, hence for N. York early next  
week.

<sup>70</sup>  
We have your favor of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst.  
& altho. the parcel forwarded via New York  
we think must be as this delivered to you -  
we will forward 3 or 4,000 Ds about the  
middle of the coming week by Rail Road  
of Boston line - unless we shall previously  
be advised of your receipt of the parcel  
above named -

For amount bill we will thank  
you to send the amount in cash to Messrs.  
H. B. Hooper & Co. Boston - Please inform  
us if shipment of coins by you are at  
your risk -

We are

Yours

Very Respectfully  
Charles D. Snow



Mint of the United States,  
November 14th, 1844.

Gentlemen, Your letter of the 2d. inst.  
was duly received, and we have been  
expecting the invoice of 16 Keys of plaster  
which you therein announce, as having  
been sent via New York, but it has not yet  
come to hand. I have thought it proper,  
therefore, to inform you of this unusual  
delay. You will understand the  
importance of this remittance to us, when  
I inform you that we have at this time  
but \$50 worth of cents in the Mint.  
May have no time in furnishing us with  
a supply.

Very respectfully,  
Wm. A. R. R.

Wm. A. R. R.  
Wm. A. R. R.  
Wm. A. R. R.



Estimated wastage at the Philadelphia  
Mint for the year 1846.

Metal Refining.

Gold — — — — —  
Silver 1100 oz = \$ 1280.

Chief Coinage.

Gold — — 76.53 oz = \$ 1423.81  
Silver — 1021.05 oz = 1188.07.  
\$ 3891.88

Since \$4500 or 5000 would leave a  
sufficient margin.







Treasury Department  
Register's Office, Mount. 15<sup>th</sup> 1844

Sir,

I ask leave to call your attention  
to the Circulars from this Office of the 2<sup>d</sup>. & 16<sup>th</sup> of  
September last, calling for the Estimates of the  
Mint and branches, for the fiscal year ending  
the 30 June 1846.

I am very respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servant

Wm. McK  
Register

Robert M. Patterson Esq.  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia



Treasury Department.

Comptroller's Office.

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1844.

Sir,

Your accounts of Bullion purchased for Coinage, for the 2<sup>d</sup> quarter of 1844, have been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of \$221,559.20 stated to be in the hands of the

Comer - Gold Bullion oz.	880.48	\$	14,380.29
Melter & Refiner - do	868.633		16,160.51
Comer - Silver Bullion	42,999.915		50,036.27
Melter & Refiner - do	23,175.24		26,967.43
Measured, Gold Coinage			74,144.23
" Silver Coinage			37,570.47
		\$	<u>221,559.20</u>

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servt.

M. W. Carrick

Comptroller.

Isaac Roach Esq  
Treasurer of the Mint.  
Philadelphia



Mont. W. L. 21st Aug 1861

Sir,

I wrote to you on the 28th ult., to inform you that the gold bulletin announced in your letter of the 23d of Sept. had not come to hand. I have this morning received a bill of lading from Charleston, dated 2d inst., of the parcel in question, with a letter on the subject from J. T. Robinson Esq., Cashier of the Planters' Trust Bank. So that all is safe, notwithstanding the delay.

R. M. P.

I

J. T. E. Hardy, Esq.  
Cashier, &c.  
Asheville, N. C.



Mr M. G. Bullock  
Crescent City, Cal.

Mr M. G. Bullock  
Nov 5, 1864

Sir

I herewith enclose the voucher  
belonging to my 2<sup>d</sup> Quarters, which is returned for  
the signature of Mr. T. C. Bullock, which has been found  
improperly

Yrs. M. G. Bullock  
El Paso  
Tex.

77 v



Proctor Nov. 2. 1841.

Rev. Father & Son  
Director. Westbury  
for.

Enclosed we have  
sent via New York - amounting to \$1.078.<sup>20</sup>  
which completes your order for fine tin -  
<sup>in August 1841</sup>

Please remit us on receipt of the  
Planchets, amount of your bill after deducting  
expense of transportation, in a check on  
Boston or New York as herebefore -

Our S. L. C. made a visit to Phil:  
early in the week, the principal object  
of which was to see you on the subject  
of the difficulty of obtaining a supply  
of Copper from American Mines <sup>as to quality</sup>  
He is now manufacturing the fine  
tin, purchased some time since - & has  
within a few days contracted for a further  
small quantity - We shall









Shipped in good order by J. J. Robinson  
on board the Schooner called the S. Patton Junr  
whereof James is Master, and now  
lying in the Port of Charleston, S. C. and bound for Philadelphia  
To say:

A. M. Patterson Esq  
Superintendent  
U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia

One parcel Gold Bullion, said to contain  
Six thousand five hundred & seventy six  
58700 dollars

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the  
like good order at the aforesaid Port of Philadelphia  
(the dangers of the seas only excepted)  
unto A. M. Patterson Esq, Superintendent of the said Mint, or to his  
Assigns. The paying freight for the said Bullion at one quarter  
of one per cent Thirteen Dollars having been paid  
at this place  
with  
freight and average accustomed.

Freight paid  
\$16.00

In witness whereof, the Master or Purser of the said Vessel hath affirm-  
ed to Three Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date: one of  
which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at Charleston, the Second day of November 1844  
J. J. Robinson



Planted & Meek's Bk of C  
Charleston 4 Nov 1844

Dear Sir.

Annexed you have bill  
of lading of a parcel of gold bullion  
shipped by the Barque J. Patton Esq - for  
use of the Branch of the Bank of Cape  
Fear at Asheville N.C. - This parcel  
is sent to you by direction of J. S. &  
Hardy Cashier, who, I presume  
has written you on the subject.

I am Respectfully  
Yrs Oth H.  
S. J. Robinson.  
Caj.

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Superintendent  
U. S. Mint  
Phil<sup>a</sup>

P.S. The "J. Patton" sailed yesterday



Mint of the U. States

November 2<sup>d</sup> 1844.

Sir,

The Copper planchets announced in your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> ulto, were duly received, and have been coined. We found them, in quality, about equal to those which we receive from the house of Crocker, Bro. & Co. at Taunton. The planchets were lighter than the legal standard, but were within the allowed limit of variation. You seem to have supposed them to be too heavy.

It is not in my power, at least for the present, to give you an order for a supply of planchets, though circumstances may hereafter make this desirable.

You will please to send us a bill and receipt, for 235 <sup>32</sup>/<sub>100</sub> lbs. avoirdupois of Copper planchets at 32 cts per lb., \$75.30; and this amount shall be forwarded to you in cash, according to such instructions as you shall give.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful Servant,  
R. M. P.

(Director)

To

John Miller Esq  
New York



Post-Office, Indianapolis, Indiana, Nov. 1, 1844.

Sir: I am very anxious to obtain a copy of the "Manual of Gold and Silver Coins of all Nations", published by the Office of the U.S. Mint, but do not know the proper course to be pursued, when to apply directly to you. I shall, of course, expect to make compensation for the work, and if you will have the kindness to forward ~~me~~ a copy to my address, with the price marked thereon, I will remit the amount without delay. Your kindest possible attention to this request will confer a particular and valuable favor.

Very respectfully,

Your very obt servant,

Murderison C. W.

To the Director of the U.S. Mint  
Philadelphia.



Gentlemen

Min of the United States

November 1. 1844

Our supply of Copper Coins is reduced  
so low that I must beg you not to let  
any difficulties interfere with as early a  
transmission as possible of my late orders  
for planchets

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

R.M.P.

Director

To Messrs Crocker Brothers & Co  
San Francisco  
Calif



Minist of the United States.

Dec. 27th, 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, in which you ask "whether we can furnish \$50,000 in American Gold Coins for the payment of members of Congress, without embarrassing or delaying the operations of the Mint."

Of the government deposits in the Mint, amounting in all to \$204,950.94, the portion in gold is \$98,704.97.

~~Of this amount~~ There is now, in the Treasury vault, in gold coins, \$62,000, of which there is due to depositors \$35,000, leaving free \$27,000. There is, however, in the Mint's hands, ready money ready for delivery to the Treasury, \$43,000.

We could, therefore, furnish you with the amount of gold coins which you desire. But if this were done, without any provision for restoring the present amount of our government deposits, the ~~the~~ ability of the Mint to make prompt payment ~~of~~ to depositors would be at an end. I have, however, these coins



occasions, complained to the Department of the  
Industries which have been made upon our <sup>gold</sup> ~~bullion~~  
fund. It is the capital upon which we  
operate, and it is <sup>scarcely</sup> adequate, when  
private deposits are <sup>at all</sup> abundant. The  
late Secretary of the Treasury drew \$100,000  
from us, a year ago, to pay members of  
Congress, and the amount has never been repaid,  
although application was made to him for  
this purpose, ~~with no success as the Treasury paid~~  
~~him, in a letter addressed to him on the 22d of~~  
~~March last, to which I allude now, for an ex-~~  
planation of this matter, to refer you to my  
letter to the Department of Dec. 3d 1842, and  
about 22d 1843, - particularly the former.

Now I shall be happy to supply you  
with the \$50,000 for which you apply, in  
new gold coins, but I must most earnestly  
beg of you that you will, at the same time,  
give a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the  
United States, under the 31st Act of the United States of  
Jan 18, 1837, for at least the same amount,  
(and I it would be greatly to the advantage  
of our depositors if it were to double the  
amount,) payable at one of the banks either  
in Philadelphia or New York. We should  
then <sup>ask</sup> ~~request~~ the payment in foreign coins, and  
thus have our bullion fund restored.

RECEIVED

Wm. Geo. M. Bibb,  
Secretary of the Treasury.



Tabular Statement of the deposits made at the Mint at Philadelphia, from Jan. 1, 1839, to Dec. 31, 1844, inclusive, exhibiting the amounts received from New York and places north of it, compared with those from Philadelphia and places south of it.

Deposites.	Year.	New York and places north of it.		Philadelphia and places south of it.	
		Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
Silver deposits	1839	31	110,563	288	1,740,398
	1840	64	215,004	443	818,066
	1841	49	106,052	388	456,594
	1842	103	313,426	466	1,253,974
	1843	89	274,613	474	2,082,217
	1844	50	116,568	506	898,997
	Totals	386	1,136,226	2365	7,201,566
Gold deposits	1839	38	451,307	261	591,220
	1840	125	570,458	414	631,542
	1841	142	229,214	400	485,959
	1842	144	323,540	592	654,371
	1843	150	846,220	647	3,261,587
	1844	123	204,914	495	1,527,896
	Totals	722	2,625,653	3115	7,152,575
Gold and Silver	Totals	1108	3,761,879	5480	14,404,141



Mount of the U.S.  
Treasury Office Dec 31 1894

Sir, I forward you, herewith,  
the quarterly statement, as a Depository  
of the public money, ending this day.

Very respectfully,  
Yours ob. servt.  
(Signed) D. Stearns  
Treasurer.

W. William Tilden Esq.  
Treasurer of the U.S.  
Washington



Bank of America Dec 20. 1844

Dear Sir

Your Certificate for Silver  
Bullion N<sup>o</sup> 202 issued to Messrs. Foy & Livingston  
on the 30<sup>th</sup> July last is held by this Bank,  
and will be this day placed in the  
hands of Messrs. Wm & Livingston & Co:  
who will present it for payment -  
You will be pleased therefore to direct  
the Bearer to be Carefully put up and  
the Packagers delivered to Livingston & Co:  
on presentation of the Certificate -

I remain very respectfully  
Yours obt<sup>l</sup> &c

Roll Patterson Esq  
Director of Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>

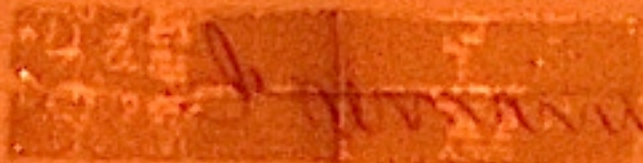
Geo Newbold Cash



Treasury Department  
Dec. 26. 1844.

Sir

I will thank you to inform the  
Department whether you can furnish \$50,000 in  
American Gold Coin for the payment of Members  
of Congress without embarking or delaying the operation  
of the Mint.

 Respectfully  
Geo. M. Bibb  
Sec. of the Treasury.

J. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philad. a.



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

(20 Decr 1847)

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Draft  
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,  
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return  
to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,  
Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esq



New York Decr. 19. 1844

R. M. Patterson Esq.

Dear Sir,

Your respected favor of the  
17<sup>th</sup> Inst. is at hand and contently fully  
noted: allow me to tender to you my  
thanks for the prompt and gentlemanly  
notice of my respects - In conformity  
with your instructions, I have valued  
on Mr. Eckfeldt @ 3 days sight in  
favor of the Mechanics Banking  
Association of this City - which I  
doubt not will be honored.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servt.

George Russell



Min't of the United States  
Dec. 15th, 1846.

Dear Sir,

I send you back the Counterfeiters  
dies which you gave me for examination.  
They are but indifferently executed. The  
letters are not made, as is usual, by punches,  
but have been cut on the die by a  
graver; so that the same letters, when they  
renew, are not so similar to each other,  
and thus present a means of detection. The  
border, also, is struck round by a punch,  
one made at a time, and is easily distin-  
guished from that on the legitimate coins of  
a late date.

The half-dollar which I return to you  
is a cast, and of easy detection. The  
half-dime, which was given to you as a  
counterfeit, is a legitimate coin.

R. M. P.

J. Henry M. Wall, Esq.,  
U. S. District Attorney.



Treasury Department.  
Comptroller's Office.  
December 16<sup>th</sup> 1844.

Sir,

The corrected Abstract of Expenses of  
Distribution of Copper coins, for the 2<sup>d</sup> quarter of 1844,  
having been filed with the account to which it  
belongs, I return the erroneous Abstract, and  
have referred your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> instant to the  
First Auditor, that the suspended item of 25 cents  
may be credited to you, in the next adjustment  
of the accounts of Copper Coinage.

Very respectfully,  
Yours to the service

W. W. C. C.

Comptroller

Isaac Roach Esq  
Treasurer of the Mint.  
Philadelphia.



1848

[illegible]



Wm. U.S.

Dec. 18. 1844.

Sir,

I send enclosed a receipt & memorandum  
for your deposit of gold made on the 14th inst.

You will remark two points of discrepancy  
between our memorandum & the list sent in your  
letter of the 26th inst.

You have marked No. 14, J. M. Reed, — 595 dwts.

Now we found no No. 14; but there was a No. 14  
J. M. Reed & J. McBowell, 29.85 oz. = 597 dwts.  
In your list there is no No. 14.

You have given as the weight of No. 5, 388  
dwts; we find it 338. It is probable that in copy-  
ing, an 8 had been written for a 3.

J. P. M. P.

D.

To  
J. P. Co. Handy, Esq.,  
Cust. &c.



Attest of the United States.  
Dec. 18th, 1844.

Sir, I have the honor to request that you  
will issue your warrant, in favor of the  
Treasurer of the Court, for Eleven thousand  
one hundred and seventy-five dollars viz.

Out of the appropriations for the current  
fiscal year,

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks \$ 31,750.

For Wages of Workmen, - - - 20,000.

Out of the appropriations for the  
last fiscal year, 1843-4, - - - 4,000.

For incidental and contingent expenses, \$ 11,175

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. M. Patterson,

Director.

Wm. George B. Bibb,  
Secretary of the Treasury.



My dear Sir

It affords me great pleasure  
to present to your acquaintance General  
Macleaw, who is on his way to England, after  
a sojourn in Africa of many years, as  
Governor of the British Possessions there.  
General Macleaw is desirous of seeing  
our ship. I had been my intention  
to accompany him. As I am, however,  
detained, I commend him to your care,  
regretting that circumstances should thus  
deprive me of the pleasure I had anti-  
cipate.

Dec 17. 1846.

With sentiments of Esteem

Very Truly

Chas. J. Sullivan.

Robert M. Patterson Esq.

Recd. U. S. Mail 26.



Sir -

Washington 17. de. 44

About two months ago, the President of the United States, was kind enough to give me a letter to the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, desiring it, as a favor, to be done to me, that he would appoint me to a vacant clerkship in the mint at Phil.<sup>a</sup> which you proposed to fill ~~then~~ by the appointment of your son -

The President, has renewed to me, his kind dispositions, within ~~the~~ few days past, and I am authorized to say to you by the Hon. Judge Bibb, that my appointment, to that clerkship, will be very agreeable to him, and not less so, to the President, himself -

The Hon. Sect.<sup>y</sup> therefore desires my nomination to him, for that office, which he will, with pleasure, immediately confirm -

I learn with great satisfaction, that you are the intimate friend of Dr. Chopin, and it may happen, <sup>that</sup> ~~you~~ dis-



sharing this, a public duty, you may  
also satisfy the department and gratify  
a friend -

Your answer, of course, will  
be directed to the Dept -

I am very respectfully  
Opr 20/44.

S. F. Chapman

Dr. Patterson.  
Phil<sup>a</sup>.



Mint of the United States,  
December 17, 1844.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter (postmarked the 11<sup>th</sup>)  
I have to state, there is no difficulty as to the fact of the deposit,  
but only as to the presentation and payment of the certificate.  
This will require some explanation.

Before we were enabled, by a government fund, to pay  
depositors promptly, it was necessary to give them a credit on our  
books, and pay them in the order of coinage. Consequently, a  
deposit of silver could not usually be settled in less than 3 months.  
As we make a quarterly settlement with the Treasury Depart-  
ment, and read on all the papers and receipts, it was sometimes  
found impracticable to get them in, in time. It was specially  
desirable to have nothing outstanding at the end of the year.  
On this account we advised a negotiation of certificates at one  
of the city banks, and this course was almost invariably pursued  
by depositors. At the end of 1835, however, your certificate had  
not been presented, and was not in bank. In order to close ~~the~~  
and transmit the accounts, the Chief Coiner received on the  
warrant for your deposit, ~~and~~ counted the money, and put it in  
a bag with a label, expecting that it would soon be called for.  
The call, however, has not been made, till now, after  
an interval of nine years, and it is accompanied with an  
acknowledgment that the proper voucher, - the Mint certifi-  
cate, - has been lost. Still the narrative which you give,  
and the evidence of character which accompany it,  
satisfies us that you have a just claim to the proceeds  
of the deposit in question. The amount will therefore  
be paid at the Mint on your draft upon Adam Eckfeldt  
[late Chief Coiner.]

R. M. P. S.

Jos. Rudd, Esq.,  
New York.

your claim is  
P.S. - The amount of ~~the deposit~~ was \$98.99.



Silver deposits of 1835 (not yours), while there was no labelled  
bag, nor receipt, answering to your Deposit, nor any memorandum.  
The only question ~~with him~~ is, whether the certificate, of which  
it appears you were robbed, was presented fraudulently & paid,  
~~the same amounting to which can now be created, and either~~  
~~Col. Eckfeldt (the officer in question) as it easily might have been.~~  
~~However, as this is uncertain,~~ Mr. Eckfeldt (the late Chief Cashier) has determined  
to pay you the amount, and will forward the same by draft  
at sight or otherwise as you may specify. The sum is \$98.99.

Mint of the United States,  
December 14. 1844

Dear Sir,

Your letter (postmarked the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.) is  
before me, and is entirely satisfactory. There was no difficulty



House of the U. S.  
Treas. Off. Dec 17/1844.

Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the  
16th inst. noticing an error of "50 cents  
in addition of abstract of expenses of dis-  
tribution 2<sup>d</sup> quarter 1844," I have enclosed  
a list of the items of expenses amounting  
to \$95.34 and if the Quarterly Abstract  
agrees therewith it will correspond  
with my books; but if any item has been  
omitted, I have to request it may be cor-  
rected by the enclosed list of items.

Yours  
(signed)  
J. MacRae  
Treasurer

J. W. Culler,  
Comptroller of the Treasury  
Washington.



Treasury Department.  
Comptroller's Office.  
December 16<sup>th</sup> 1844.

Sir,

Your accounts of Copper Coinage,  
for the 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> quarters of 1844, have been  
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of  
\$ 2626.37 stated to be due from you to the  
U. States.

Balance for your accounts	\$ 2625.87
Add. Excess in addition of Abstract of Expenses of Distribution 2 <sup>d</sup> quarter of 1844	50
	<hr/>
	\$ 2626.37

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c. &c.

Wm. C. C. C.  
Comptroller

Isaac Roach Esq.,  
Treasurer of the Mint.  
Philadelphia.



Treasury Department,  
Comptroller's Office -  
December 15<sup>th</sup> 1844.

Sir,

In compliance with your request of the  
13<sup>th</sup> instant, I return Vouchers No. 59 & 99 which  
payments to William Gilchrist were suspended  
for want of witness to his mark, and have to state  
that said payments will be credited to you, in  
the next adjustment of your accounts, as well as  
the amount charged for Diamond pointed pens,  
an explanation of which has been received from Dr.  
Patterson, dated the 14<sup>th</sup> instant.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obedt. Servt.

MacCubbin  
Comptroller

Isaac Roach Esq.,  
Treasurer of the Mint.  
Philadelphia.



Wash. D.C., Dec. 14/86

Sir,

In your letter, of the 12th inst, to the Bureau  
of the Mint, communicating a statement of the  
adjustment of his accounts for the 2d & 3d  
quarters of 1886, you mention the following item:

"Amount charged for diamonds provided pens  
suspended for an explanation of the necessity for the  
expense, here" — — — — — \$17.50.

I have therefore, in explanation, to state, that the  
pens in question were from instruments, procured for  
the use of the four clerks employed at the Mint. That  
they are of gold pointed with rhodizene, a metal  
pointed, not with diamonds, but with rhodizene,  
a metal as hard as the ruby, and which therefore  
resists the wear from friction; while, at the same  
time, it is proof against the metals which enter  
into the structure of the pen are proof against all  
chemical action from the ink &c. The same pen  
may therefore be used for years, and I therefore  
judged their introduction into the Mint a measure  
of true economy. Since they were procured, no  
other pens have been used in the Mint's office  
as in mind.

R. M. P.

W. M. Cullick, Esq.  
Comptroller of the Treasury.



Copies

Minist of the United States -  
Philadelphia Dec 13. 1844.

J. M. McCulloch Esq  
Comptroller of Treas.

Sir,

Your letter of the 10th inst. is before  
me, with statement of my account of ordinary expenses for  
2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> Quarters of 1844 - and balance stated -

I have enclosed enclosed vouchers with William  
Gilchrist to have bill rendered, and request that the enclosed voucher  
may be returned to me.

Dr Patterson will make explanation relative  
to the purchase of Diamond Point Pen by his direction, which  
I trust will appear satisfactory.

Very respectfully

Your obdt. Servt

Signed

J. Reed  
Treas.



Mint of the U. S.  
Decem<sup>r</sup> 13 1844

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> (received this morning) I have to inform you that the books of the Mint show a deposit of gold bullion on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October by J. M. Worth, consisting of several parcels. One of these answers to your description, being composed of bars & amalgam, the first weight of which was, Ozs.  $6\frac{25}{100}$

Weight after melting, "  $5\frac{77}{100}$

Fineness,  $\frac{827}{1000}$

Value, \$ 98.64

The value per dwt. (after melting) was therefore near 85½ cts. The alloy was of silver; and should a deposit of 75 ounces or upwards of such gold be presented, in one item, a return of silver would accrue to the depositor.

Very respectfully &c

Mr Robert J. Steele  
Rockingham, N. C.



Treasury Department.  
Comptroller's Office.

December 12<sup>th</sup>. 1844.

Sir,

Your accounts of Ordinary Expenses, for the  
3<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> quarters of 1844, have been adjusted at the Treasury,  
and a balance of \$15,780.75 stated to be due from you to the  
U. States.

Balance per your accounts? . . \$ 11,858.25

Add,

Warrant No 9724, dated October 8<sup>th</sup> 1844. . . 2,500.00

do " 9830 " " 19<sup>th</sup> " . . . 2,400.00

Am<sup>t</sup> charged for Diamond pointed pens. Suspended for an  
explanation of the necessity for the expenditure. . . 17.50

William Gilchrist's pay as night watch 2<sup>d</sup> q<sup>r</sup>: 1844.

Suspended for witness to his mark. Warrant No 69. . . 2.00

Same for 2<sup>d</sup> quarter 1844 " No 99. . . 3.00

\$ 15,780.75

Very Respectfully  
Your O<sup>b</sup>d<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>,

M. W. Caldwell

Comptroller.

Isaac Roach Esq.  
Treasurer of the Mint.  
Philadelphia.



Mint of the U.S.  
Dec. 11. 1844.

Dear Sir,

An accidental circumstance has delayed,  
until now, my answer to your letter of the 4th inst.

We have no authority to furnish silver coins  
at the Mint, except for silver bullion or foreign  
silver coins deposited with us. If you can fur-  
nish us with these, you can have the small coins  
which you desire, to any amount, & with very little  
if any delay.

J. P. M. P.  
D.

To  
Messrs. W. Elliott, Esq.,  
Pres. Mech. & Farm. Bk.  
Albany, N. Y.



Shawmut Bank

Boston Dec. 10. 1844

Isaac Hoach Esq.

Treas. of the Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir

With this you  
will receive Two thousand Dollars  
for recoinage <sup>pieces</sup> into <sup>dimes &</sup> quarter dollars. Please  
say on the receipt when I shall send for  
the new coin.

Yours Obedt. Servt

T. Brown

Cash



Wm. Patterson Esq.  
Director U. S. Mint.  
Dear Sir:

Tacoma Dec 10. 1874.

We are in receipt of  
your favor of the 6th inst.  
Advised we have bill of 11 keps of  
planchets forwarded to Boston to be shipped  
from thence -  
We have received the bill, will thank  
you to send the amount at your convenience  
in Copper Coin to Messrs. A. S. Mellick New York  
This bill is made for Copper from  
the U. S. Mints -

Very Respectfully  
Yours  
Gideon D. Davis



Rockingham, Richmond County N<sup>c</sup> E<sup>a</sup>  
December 9<sup>th</sup> 1844

Dear Sir, Having a direct interest in the subject matter of this sequel, I assume the privilege of addressing this Note of enquiry.

In the latter part of Sept. or in October last, I have been informed that Dr. John M. Worth of Montgomery County N. C. presented at the Mint in Phil<sup>a</sup> a small amount of Gold (about 116 dollars) to be Assayed. He which was found upon my Lands. Having visited the place lately and not being able to see Dr. Worth upon the subject as he was then from home and not expected to return in a considerable time, and not being able to learn from others anything exactly certain as to the result of the assay. You will please give me the precise account of the result. I understand that about 50 or 51 dollars was flung<sup>d</sup> and 75 or 76 dollars was in the amalgamated state, and that the whole was alloyed with silver. If your Books show the facts, I wish to know what portion was silver, how much was lost from the amalgamated mass in flinging, what was the flung<sup>d</sup> gold worth per shot, and all other things connected with the subject that may be of use to me.

I have seen some small pieces of gold found at the place that was nearly white as silver.  
An early answer will much oblige  
Rob<sup>t</sup> J. Steele



Salem 9 Dec 1844

EW Edelman Esq

You will herewith receive  
4 Pounds of gold dust <sup>3</sup> 568.18. please  
keep each lot separate & send me  
when coined, the result of each pound,  
with respect Yrs

Robert Frosthouse

Acapue	424	3
Active	182	13
Dragon	41	10
R Frosthouse Jr	20	15
	<u>668</u>	<u>18</u>



Unit of the United States,  
December 7th 1844

Sir, I have rec<sup>d</sup> your letter of yesterday asking for copies of certain entries on the books of the Unit regarding accounts in which you are charged with a defalcation. - I shall take the earliest occasion to refer this request to the U.S. District Attorney and act in the case according to his advice.

Very respectfully,  
Y<sup>r</sup> faithful serv<sup>t</sup>,

W. L. R.

(Director)

To  
John C. Bennett Esq



State of the United States.  
Dec. 6th, 1846.

Gentlemen

for larger letter

We this day ship, to the N. A.

Wagon and Co., 15 bags of copper coins, amount-  
ing in value to \$1586.60: the account stands  
as follows:

Charges, \$280 the balance @ 32c., \$1589.60

Debit 8<sup>12</sup>/<sub>100</sub> the cash on hand 2.60

Balance, as above, \$1586.95

In answer to the inquiry made in your  
letter of the 16th ult., I have to state, that we  
transmit our copper coins to you, as we do  
to others, at our own charge for transportation,  
but not at our own risk.

In view of this money, your letter of the  
2d inst., concerning the shipment of 15 bags of  
planchets made of waste copper.

R. M. P.

Wm. Crocker, Pres. Sec.  
Salem, Mass.



Philad<sup>a</sup> December 6<sup>th</sup> 1846

D<sup>r</sup> R. M. Patterson

Sir

You probably will recollect that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January last when I presented to you a demand against the Mint for the salary &c due to me when I left it, I also requested of you a copy of the entries on the books of the Mint closing the accounts of that Institution in which I am charged with a defalcation. And that on the 12<sup>th</sup> of the same month you informed me that you had been advised by the District Atty of the U.S. that it was his intention to sue out a writ of Error and that in the mean while as the cause could not be considered as finally decided you would not be justified in acting upon the bill which I had presented on the Book Entries which regarded the case. That subsequently the demand in point was paid, but I have never yet heard from you in regard to the Book Entries. I will thank you at your earliest convenience for a copy of them as they remained at the termination of the suit of the U.S. against me and any additional entries as regards myself (if any) since that time stating in what house writing they are and by whose authority made

Very Respectfully

Yours &c

John A. Bennett



A. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director

Tacoma Dec 2 - 1899.

Dear Sir.

above we hand  
bill of 15 Rees plates, made from American  
Copper - shipped from Boston in Brief  
Antares -

The amount of the above we will  
thank you to forward in Copper coin to  
H. N. Hooking. Boston -  
Very Respy. O. A. B. B. B.



**SHIPPED** in good order and well-conditioned, by *S. J. Robinson Cashier*  
on board the good Brig - called the *Washington* whereof  
*T. S. Monroe* is Master for the present voyage, now lying in the  
port of *Charleston*, and bound for *Philadelphia Penn*; To say:

One parcel Gold bullion, said to contain  
Six thousand, nine hundred & twenty  
eight dollars, ninety five cents -

*R. M. Patterson Esq*  
Director U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia.

*Freight paid*

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good  
order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid port of *Philadelphia Penn*;  
(the danger of the seas only excepted) unto  
*R. M. Patterson Esq* Director U. S. Mint *Philadelphia Penn*  
or to his assigns, the or they paying freight for the said Bullion at the  
rate of one quarter of one per cent amounting to Seventeen  $\frac{3}{4}$  00  
Dollars being paid in this place  
with ~~freight~~ <sup>freight</sup> and charges accustomed. In witness whereof, the Master  
or Agent of the said vessel hath affirmed to these Bills of Lading, all of this  
tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in *Charleston*, the *Second* day of *December* 1844 -

*Thomas S. Monroe*



Planters & Merchants of  
Charleston 4 Dec 1844

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will receive  
bill of Lading for a parcel of Bullion  
shipped to your address for Brig Wash-  
ington by direction & for use of J. H. C. Hardy  
Cachin N. N. Cape Fear at Ansonia N.C.  
The Brig sailed 3<sup>rd</sup> inst -

I am Respectfully  
Yrs  
W. J. Robinson  
Clerk

R. M. Patterson Esq  
Director  
U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia



Min't of the United States.

The President of the United States has appointed the following gentlemen, as Special Commissioners, to attend the Annual Assay, to be held at the Mint, on Monday, the 10th of February.

Prof. Julien

Gen. George Cadwalader, of Philadelphia,  
Robert Tyler, Esq., of Philadelphia,  
Prof. Julius S. Ducautel, of Baltimore,  
Samuel V. Beebe, Esq., of New York.

The Commissioners ex officio are  
Hon. Archibald Randall, U. S. District Judge, Phila.,  
Henry M. Watts, Esq., U. S. District Attorney,  
Calvin Blythe, Esq., Collector of the Port.

United Gazette ✓

Pennsylvania ✓

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Sedger ✓

Inquirer ✓

Spirit of the Times ✓



SHIPPED in good order and well-conditioned, by ROBINSONS & CALDWELL,  
on board the good Brig called the *Washington*, whereof  
*Monroe* is Master for the present voyage, now lying in the  
port of **Charleston**, and bound for *Philadelphia* To say:

R. M. Patterson  
Philadelphia

Sealed Package  
One ~~Box~~ Bullion  
Paid to Contain Eight Thousand  
and Fifty Dollars

(being marked and numbered as in the margin and are to be delivered in the like good  
order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid port of *Philadelphia*  
(the danger of the seas only excepted,) unto

Mr R. M. Patterson *Printer of the Mint*  
or to his assigns, he or they paying freight for the said *freight*,  
one quarter per cent & say 20.12 1/2 Paid

with ———— primage and average accustomed. In Witness Whereof, the master  
or agent of the said vessel hath affirmed to 3 Bills of Lading, all of this  
tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in **Charleston**, the *1st* day of *February* 184*5*

(Content Unknown)  
*Thomas Monroe*



Charleston Feb 1. 1845

R M Patterson Esq

Super. U.S. Mint

Offr. William B. King for a Pickers  
Billion, which you will please account  
for to W. V. Grant Esq. Cashier of the  
Bank of Camden, at Camden S. Ca

We have insured the Pickers for  
Eight thousand Dollars (8000)  
This letter is enclosed with Pickers

Yours Resp  
Abner H. H. H.



Treasury Department.  
Comptroller's Office.  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1845.

Sir,

Your accounts of Bullion purchased for  
Coinage, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 1844, have been  
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance of  
\$ 310,153.71 stated to be due to the U. States,  
consisting of

Gold Bullion. . . . .	Oz: 3,824.356	\$ 71,150.72
Silver Bullion. . . . .	63,335.614	73,932.23
Gold Coinage . . . . .		105,734.22
Silver Coinage . . . . .		59,336.54
		<u>\$ 310,153.71</u>

You are requested to make a separate entry,  
in the Balance Sheet, for each deposit which  
remains unpaid at the close of the quarter: and  
to make the size of Payers Reports, when folded,  
conform more nearly to the size of Abstracts and  
warrants.

Very Respectfully  
Comd<sup>g</sup> Off<sup>r</sup>.  
Wm Cullah

Isaac Reach Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Treasurer of the Mint, Philadelphia

Comptroller.



Proctor July 6, 1875.

P. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director U. S. Mint.  
San Francisco

Amexed we hand  
bill of 24 Kegs planchet, shipped to Prof  
Luna - we also enclose 13/20 of the  
same -

We have received the bill, and will  
thank you to remit the amount in ~~Cobalt~~  
Coin, to Messrs. Aspinwall, & Alford via  
to New York -

We have just received a quantity  
of American Cobalt from Mr. T. J. B. B. B. B.  
from the "Newmarket Cobalt Mines" - with which  
we shall proceed to manufacture planchet  
to fill your order -

Yours

Very Respectfully

Proctor Bros & Co



Chicago Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of this date reminding me of my engagement to attend the annual assay of the Mint which is to be held on Monday next at half past 9 o'clock in the morning, and for the information contained in your letter as to the arrangement which will be made. I will be at the Mint at the time designated.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. St.

Chas. Caldwell

J. H. Patterson

Director of the Mint of the U. States



United States  
February 7, 1845

Sir,  
Under the 32<sup>d</sup> Section of the Mint Act of  
January 18, 1837, you are designated as  
one of the commissioners, ex-officio, to  
attend the Annual Assay at the Mint.

I beg leave, therefore, to ask that you  
will give us your attendance, for this  
purpose, at half-past nine, on Monday  
morning next.

Very respectfully,

Y<sup>r</sup> faithful Serv<sup>t</sup>,

R. M. D.

Director

To)  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> Randall, Judge of the U. S. Court for the E. Dist of Penn<sup>a</sup>.

Wm<sup>l</sup> M. Wall, Esq. U. S. Atty for the E. Dist of Penn<sup>a</sup>

Calvin Blythe, Esq. Collector of the Port of Phila<sup>a</sup>

P.S. As y<sup>r</sup> attendance will probably be required  
for some hours, I beg leave to mention that a lunch  
will be prepared which may perhaps serve you in  
place of a dinner.



Phila 12 July 1845

My Dear Sir

Your card left at  
my brother's was duly received  
I am to regret I was not in  
when you did me the honor  
to call my short stay here will  
deprive me of the pleasure of  
returning your visit I take this  
opportunity of acknowledging your  
most kind ~~private~~ letter accompanying  
my appointment <sup>to</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~at~~  
my large interest to accept I felt  
myself indebted to you for naming  
me to the President I was highly  
gratified in being put on the  
commission the system committee  
arrangement that we metropolis  
cannot be overpaid & kindly  
added to the full confidence



I had before in the administration  
of the Mont. please make my  
compliments to Gentlemen belonging  
to the Establishment you must  
know enough to introduce to  
my acquaintance I should you  
visit New York I will give  
me great pleasure to return impart  
the civilities I am indebted to you  
for

I am &c

with great respects

Your obedient

Saml J. Ruby

D. R. M. Patterson



Wash. of the United States,  
Oct. 7th, 1848

Sir,

Permit me to remind you that  
the annual ball at the Hotel, of which  
you have been appointed, one of the by the  
President, one of the Commissioners, will  
be held on Monday next, commencing at  
half-past nine in the morning.

As your attendance will probably be  
required for some hours, I beg to mention  
that a lunch will be provided which  
may perhaps serve you in the place of  
dinner.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R. W. Patterson.

Enclosed.

Wm. Robert Tyler, Esq.

Gen. Geo. Cadwalader.



Mint of the U.S.  
Oct. 12. 1845.

Sir,

The meeting of the Commissioners for the Annual Assay at the Mint, provided for by the Act of Jan. 18, 1837, was held the day before yesterday; and I have the honor to send you herewith a copy of the minutes of their proceedings.

You will observe that all the members were present, except Prof. DeCatal. He had accepted his appointment, & promised to be in attendance. I am, as yet, ignorant of the cause of his detention.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,  
R. M. P.  
D.

To  
Messrs. W. B. Hill,  
Sec. of Treasury. }



May 4<sup>th</sup> 1845 Philadelphia

February 15, 1845

To Wm. R. M. Patterson,

Director of the Mint, Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

I herewith present a duplicate of a medal which I have caused to be struck in honor of James G. Thompson, with the design that it may be deposited in the Philadelphia Mint, as a remembrance of one who, in such a truly exalted degree possesses the noble qualities ascribed to him. I am actuated to this deed of praise by a strong sense of the signal perseverance and determination for the maintenance of truth, justice, and honor, which have always been the guiding star of Mr. Cooper in his historical investigations and writings, by which I feel that my own fame and honor have been shielded from the missiles of envy & malice.

I am, with the greatest respect,

Your obedient servant,

J. D. Elliott



Wm't U. S.

Feb. 17, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you  
will issue your warrant, in favor of the  
Treasurer of the Mint, for Two Thousand  
dollars, out of the appropriation for the current  
fiscal year, viz.

For Wages of Workmen, \$2,000.

R. M. P.  
D,

To  
Hon. Geo. M. Bill,  
Sec. of Treas.



Albion, N.H.  
Phil. Feb. 15 / 48.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., on the subject of a deposit of silver ore supposed to exist on land of which you are joint owner. You state that you are in need of a skilful Smelter, and you apply to me to recommend one to you.

I have made to inquiring of Professor James C. Booth, Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, and have received from him the answer, that no prudent man would enter upon the proposed undertaking, without previously having an opportunity of examining and analyzing the ore itself. I therefore recommend that you send fair and sufficient specimens of the ore which you suppose to contain silver, to Mr. Booth, for examination. His report upon it would be conclusive with men of business here, and, if favorable, your object could be obtained.

You will take care not only to forward the ore without charge to Mr. Booth, but to authorize ~~the~~ some merchant or other person here to make him a suitable payment for the labor of the assay.

Yr. Obedt. Servt. R. M. P.  
J. W. Caldwell, Esq.  
Lebanon, N. H.



Mint U.S.

Feb 15/48.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge  
the receipt of a duplicate of the Medal  
which you caused to be struck in honor  
of your distinguished friend James Fenimore  
Cooper. The donation is grate-  
fully received, and highly valued. It  
will be placed, as you desire, among the  
national medals at the Mint.

R. M. Patterson.

By Command of Anne D. Elliott.



Gold & Silver Gallipolis Co.  
Alabama Feb 20th 1845

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

Being devoid of any  
means of telling you and knowing of no one in  
this country to whom I could more confidently  
refer than to yourself, tho' I believe I have never had  
a formal introduction beyond. I take the liberty of  
forwarding a small box of silver ore from a mine  
adjacent to our gold operations in order to as-  
certain the quantity of silver contained in it &  
to have your opinion in reference to the best mode  
of working it. The base of ore is very abun-  
dant, reaching for several miles and extending  
to an immense depth and has been worked  
to a great extent some thousands of years ago  
by some of our race who know but little of the  
use of tools and who worked it in a very  
unique manner. Working is upon the different  
strata, forming hills of 40 to 100 ft and dig-  
ging to an immense depth, becoming barren  
and hard as the land is so hard. I  
have accomplished so much work by such  
means as in a long series of years, indeed  
it is quite the wonder of this section of country  
which



abounds in novelty in many particulars. Having much business on hand; at present and a large force employed at the mint which prevents me, at present, from being able to leave home till the summer, when I shall be in Philadelphia. Mr. McKim and I are very anxious to introduce some improvement in the mode of procuring gold, silver, platinum, and of saving the metal, which abounds in a mineralized state in many localities.

On my arrival in the east I shall feel great pleasure in personally acknowledging my thanks for any information you may forward of your numerous duties in the mint, relative to the end and the best means of working it with advantage; the only fault we can get him and I shall feel greatly, very greatly obliged for any suggestion of yours.

Our analysis of this ore, had resulted in a great deal of silver & should that ore contain it, it will be very important from the amount of silver it contains. When you receive my statement, please also send me a list of the mining claims

and your arrangements of giving correct information. I believe you will let it be a sufficient apology for the trouble I am giving you and will hold myself your debtor till a better chance is presented for repaying the favor. I am

Dear Sir

Yours very truly

J. F. Weller

St. Paul, Minn. Ex. Sup. of Mint, at  
Oklahoma, Ind. his best respects to  
Genl. Patterson.

His address, Genl. Weller  
care of Genl. & Merrill Edge of Postoffice  
Alameda

Genl. Patterson

Alameda, Minn.

Philadelphia

Pa.



The Bullion accompanying this is put up in 11  
Parcels numbered from 1 to 11. It was pur-  
chased from that number of persons, and must be accounted  
separately, or numbered, the above memorandum stating  
the net value of each parcel by the number.

The Director of the Mint will please me by forward-  
ing the above memorandum to "W. S. Smith Cashier, Com-  
missioner" - and the Mint Certificate for the aggregate  
amount, to "J. B. Morrison Esq. Cashier of the Manhattan  
Company New York City" approving Mr. Morrison  
that is for the credit of the Bank of Camden South  
Carolina, and requesting him to acknowledge receipt to  
me at Camden.

To  
The Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia Pa

Respectfully  
W. S. Smith  
Cashier of the Bank  
of Camden South  
Carolina.



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

20 Feb'y 1845.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *No.* Treasury Draft  
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,  
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return  
to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,  
Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esq



Mint U.S.

Feb. 22, 1845.

Sir, At the desire of Mr. W. S. Grant,  
Cash. of the Bank of Camden S.C., I  
send to you enclosed a mint receipt  
& Memorandum of a deposit of gold  
made by him, in your name, the pro-  
ceeds of which are payable to your order,  
which he requests you to place to the  
credit of the Bank of Camden.  
Yrs. M. P.

J. M. Morrison Esq.

Cash. Manhattan Co.

New York.

P.S. In his letter to me Mr. Grant  
states his desire that you should acknow-  
ledge the receipt to him at Camden.



Mail U. S.

Feb. 22. 45.

Sir,

I have enclosed a duplicate memorandum of the proceeds of your deposit of gold made on the 20th inst. In compliance with your instructions, the deposit was made payable to J. M. Morrison Esq. Cashier of the Manhattan Company New York, to whom the Mail receipt & original memorandum are accordingly sent.

J. M. P.

W. J. Grant, Esq.  
Cash Bk. Camden  
S. C. }



In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

### NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the following Taxes are due and unpaid on certain Real Estate situate  
on Chestnut Street in the City  
of Philadelphia, assessed in the name of  
To wit: United States Mint

one Marble Building Lot - 150 feet on Chestnut?  
and 200 feet on Spruce Street to Olive Street  
City Tax for 1844 Two hundred thirty six dollars forty cents - \$266 <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

And that if the said Taxes are not paid to me before the first day of April next, the same will be registered, and that an addition of six per centum will be charged thereon until paid, according to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the third day of February, 1824, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

My residence is N<sup>o</sup> 8 Mifflin Row  
City of Philadelphia.

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1845

Charles Remington

In Major Isaac Rouch



From

Charles Remington

February 24, 1845.

To  
J. Mayor  
Dear Sir

Notice relating to the unpaid  
City Taxes of 1844 on the  
Mint Building and Co.  
\$266.40  
and, if they are not paid before  
the 1st day of April 1845, the  
same will be registered ac-  
cording to the Act of Assembly.



In conformity with the provisions of the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

### NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the following Taxes are due and unpaid on certain Real Estate, situate  
on *Walnut Street* in the *City*  
of Philadelphia, assessed in the name of

To wit: *United States Mint*  
on *Marble building & lot - 150 ft on Walnut Street*  
*and 200 ft on Pine Street to Olive Street*  
*County State & poor Taxes for 1844 - Seven hundred &*  
*Twenty Seven Dollars* \$ *727.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>*

And that if the said Taxes are not paid to me before the first day of April next, the same will be registered, and that an addition of six per centum will be charged thereon until paid, according to the provisions of the Act of Assembly, passed on the third day of February, 1824, entitled "An Act relating to Taxes on certain Real Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia."

My residence is *N<sup>o</sup> 246 Market Street*  
*City* of Philadelphia. *Feb'y 24 1845*

*To Maj Isaac Roach*

*Simon Mudge*



Taunton July 24. 1845  
R. M. Patterson Esq.

Dear Sir

We write you for the purpose  
of introducing to your notice a specimen of crucibles  
which we believe to be better than those now in use. We  
understand that the kind which is used at the mint  
must be made of a different shape from the common  
crucible. If you would like to try ours and will give a  
description by letter of the manner in which they must  
be constructed we will forward you a specimen for trial.  
Our friend Mr. G. H. Crocker has politely consented  
to say a word for us below.

Truly &c

C. W. Atwood & Co  
Crucible Mfg Co

Taunton July 25. 1845.

R. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director M. S. Mint.  
Dear Sir,

Above you have a  
letter from Mr. Atwood, agent of the Crucible Mfg Co



*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text on the left page of the notebook. Some words like "I have" and "I am" are visible.]*

who are producing a very good article of  
steel and crucible.  
Should you feel disposed to  
make trial of their manufacture, we believe  
you will find <sup>them</sup> of superior quality.

We are

Yours  
Respectfully  
George D. [Signature]





Minist. of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24, 1845.

Dear Sir,

The Sovereign which you sent for our  
examination proves to be a counterfeit, and  
a very dangerous one in consequence of the  
difficulty of its detection.

It is of the full legal weight, - 123.3 grains.  
It has the proper color and texture, not only at  
the surface, but in the interior as exhibited  
on cutting. - It has the true diameter, and  
though there is some excess in thickness, it  
is scarcely such as to attract attention.

Its mechanical execution is so perfect as  
to elude detection, <sup>by</sup> an ordinary observer,  
even with the aid of a glass. - It then is, in  
fact, but one test, short of actual assay,  
by which it can be distinguished from the  
genuine piece, and it is the trial of speci-  
fic gravity.

A genuine Sovereign of the same metal  
would show a specific gravity <sup>varying from 17.50 to</sup>  
17.90, <sup>according to color, the paler pieces being of course</sup>  
~~the pieces in question give but 17.22.~~

It may not be amiss, that, for the  
practical purposes of your office, I should  
indicate to you an easy mode of apply-  
ing this test. - If you meet with a coin



that you suspect, take one of the same denomination that you have to be genuine, one which has the same weight. Suspend them both by their silk threads or by horse hairs, to the ends of a light beam, from which the scales have been removed. They will, of course, still counterbalance each other in the air. Now immerse them both in bottles of water. If the suspected coin be genuine, the balance will still be kept up; if counterfeit, the genuine coin will preponderate.

On assay, the false coin which you sent ~~it was found~~ to be composed as follows:

Gold 803 thousandths

Silver 121

Copper 75

The value of the piece is \$4.26.

The genuine sovereign yields, very uniformly, 915 <sup>thousandths</sup> parts of gold, and is worth from \$4.83 to 4.86, according to weight. The profit to the maker, or loss to the holder, of the false coin, is consequently 57 to 60 cents per piece, or 13 to 14 percent.

Counterfeiters are not usually content with such moderate gains, and it could easily be made available by an operation on a large scale. There would seem, therefore, to be reason to apprehend that many such counterfeits have been made, and put in circulation. This is, however, the first that has come under our notice at the office.

R. M. P.  
D.

To  
Saml. J. Rubin, Esq.  
New York



that you suspect, take one of the same denomination  
which you know to be genuine, on which  
has the same weight. Suspend them both  
in thin silk threads or by horse hairs, to  
the ends of a light beam, from which the dishes  
have been removed. They sink, of course, still  
counterbalance each other in the air. Now im-  
mense them both in bottles of water. If the  
suspected coin be genuine, the balance will  
still be kept up; if counterfeit the genuine  
coin will preponderate.

On assay, the ~~false coin which you sent~~  
~~it was found~~ to be composed as follows:

Gold 803 thousandths

Silver 191

Copper 75

The value of the piece is \$4.26.

The genuine sovereign ought, by law, to  
be 916 2/3 thousandths of gold; but, on  
assay, we find it to yield, very un-  
usually, 915 1/2.

The value of the counterfeit piece submit-  
ted by you is \$4.26; that of the sovereign  
of weight 4.86; showing a profit of 60  
or about 14 per cent. on the operation.

Counterfeiters are not usually content with  
such moderate gains, and it could easily be  
made available by an operation on a larger  
scale. There would seem, therefore, to be reason  
to apprehend that many such counterfeits have  
been made, and put in circulation. This is,  
however, the first that has come under our  
notice at the Mint.

R. M. P.  
D.

To  
Saml. J. Barber, Esq.,  
New York.



### Examination of a Counterfeit of the British Sovereign.

The spurious coin is of the full legal weight of the sovereign ( $123\frac{3}{4}$  grains); and of a <sup>of true dimensions</sup> ~~and a proper colour, interior as well as exterior;~~ <sup>the mintage is identical</sup> ~~that it~~ <sup>of the dies</sup> ~~the execution is such as to present no fault to an ordinary observer, even with the aid of a glass.~~ <sup>The difference is little greater than that of the gold from the silver.</sup> It therefore eludes all the ~~usual~~ sensible and mechanical tests in common use, and singly or combined. In this respect, it surpasses nearly every counterfeit we have examined. It is detected however by one process, short of actual assay; that of the trial of specific gravity. A genuine sovereign, of the same colour, would show a specific gravity of about 17.70; the piece in question gives but 16.22\*.

The assay is as follows:

Gold	803 parts in a thousand.
Silver	122
Copper	75
	1000.

(Such an alloy should indicate <sup>the</sup> specific gravity of above, or very nearly, by the printed tables prepared at the Mint.)

The value of the piece is \$4.26; of the sovereign, at full weight, 4.86; making a profit of 60 cents on each piece, or about 14 per cent. on the outlay. Counterfeiters are not usually content with such a moderate gain, and consequently leave some door open for detection. In the present case, ~~there is~~ the smallness of the profit in the individual piece, gives reason to apprehend that the robbery is to be made available by a grand operation, and that many such counterfeits have been prepared, or are already abroad. This is however the first piece which has been noticed at the Mint. It is a George IV. and dated 1824.

\* ~~In order to preserve~~ A reduced sp. gravity necessarily requires an increase of bulk, if the true weight is to be maintained. To meet this cross adulteration, the false coin is made a little thicker within the border, than the genuine; while the border itself is ~~near enough to the~~ <sup>true thickness</sup>.



New York July 25 1845

Dr. G. M.

Your esteemed favor of July  
24<sup>th</sup> is in hand with the enclosure  
which ought to be published but  
before I do it, I will consult some  
of our friends of Brandt -

The sovereign was shipped by  
a Banking House in this City  
among a large lot taken from  
one of our Banks and deposited  
in the Bank of England where  
it was rejected as a counterfeit  
and cut by them as when sent to you  
I fear there may be a large issue  
of these as otherwise they would  
not pay - This is the only one we  
have seen in this country  
my clerks think they can detect  
them. I have some fears however  
Our own coin will have to be  
well looked to, as they must  
be capitalists who are engaged



in this work & contented with  
the profit on a large amount

I am Sir

Very respectfully

Your obedt servt

Saml. J. Mabee

P.S. Since writing above I have seen  
John S. Palmer & find of the  
who address the Publication  
I have taken the liberty of altering  
the address to Palmer & Co. instead  
of Saml. J. Mabee

Dr R. M. Patterson

Received of  
Saml. J. Mabee  
the sum of  
\$10.00  
for  
the  
above  
mentioned  
work







Min<sup>rs</sup> of the U. S.  
Feb. 27, 1845.

Sir, Your letter of the 24th came to hand  
this morning. We shall be glad to have an  
opportunity to test the quality of the crucibles  
of the Company for which you are agent. For  
this purpose I will thank you to send us some  
of your different sizes of specimens, and if the  
quality should prove to be satisfactory, the  
precise shape can be determined subsequently.  
We should like to receive samples of your  
Cress also.

Please to acquaint me with your system  
of numbering both for crucibles, cress, &c  
also with the prices at which the same can be  
furnished.

J. R. M. P.  
D.

Prof. C. R. Howard Esq.,  
Apt. Crucible Manuf. Co. }  
Tannin, Ms. }



Quinn

1875

depos

Philad 224 = 623,043

Wash 6 = 20,947

South 20 = 2,585  
250 = 646,575

New York 35 = 142,692

Boston 14 = 26,148  
40 = 162,546

299 = 815,415



Sold.

1845

Boston. <sup>Dep<sup>s</sup></sup> 13 = 490,516

New York. <sup>119</sup> = 347,058  
132 837,574

Philad. 496 = 1,345,594

Balt<sup>e</sup> 6 = 37,270

South <sup>140</sup> = 358,056  
642 1,740,920

774 2,578,494



Philadelphia January 15 - 1845

Sir,

I forward you herewith, the quarterly Accounts of the Ordinary Receipts and Expenditures of the Mint, for the fourth Quarter of the past year; which I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully  
Your Most Obedt. Servt.  
Wm. A. B. Vach  
Treasurer

Sr.

William Collins Esq.

Chief Auditor of the Treasury.



Mint of the United States,  
Treasurer's Office, January 1st 1845.

Sir,

I forward you, herewith, the  
quarterly accounts of the operations of the  
Mint for the quarter ending the 31st day  
of December 1844, which I hope you will  
find to be correct.

Very respectfully,  
Yours ob. Servant,  
(Signed,  
Isaac Road,  
Treasurer.

To Wm. Collins, Esq.,  
U. S. Auditor of the Treasury,  
Washington.



T. O. Deft  
14. of Jan'y 1845

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> is before  
you refer me to the 530<sup>th</sup> Rule for authority to  
send clear to the mails at the rate of news  
paper postage &c. - that rule is founded on Sec.  
15 of the Act of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1845 which defines  
mailable matter to be "all letters & newspapers, all  
magazines, pamphlets, periodically published in  
a regular series, or successive numbers, under the same  
title, though at irregular intervals, all either written  
or printed matter" &c. from which you will see that  
the words "either matter" as used in Rule 530 can apply  
only to written matter - the rule was designed to be  
in the exact words of the law -

whatever goes into the mails sealed & enveloped, is  
presumed to be mailable matter & chargeable with the half  
dime - even newspapers & pamphlets if enveloped  
& sealed will pay letter postage - if the same are sent open  
without envelope or seal, the Postmaster should regard them  
as not mailable matter

I am respectfully  
Yr. Obedt. Servt.  
D. P. Johnson Philadelphia



Treasury Department  
First Auditors Office  
January 2<sup>d</sup> 1854

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of your Return and ordinary Expense account  
for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 1853

With due respect  
Yours Obt. Servant

Wm Collins

1<sup>st</sup> Auditor

To Isaac Roach Esq }  
Messrs Roach & Co }  
Philadelphia }



Wash. D.C.  
Jan. 14, 1845

Sir,  
Having consulted the <sup>U.S.</sup> District  
Attorney on the subject of your letter of the  
15th ult., and having found that he did obtain  
from him the opinion that the extracts which  
you ask from the Snare's Works might be  
given to you without impropriety, I now send  
them herewith, as handed to me from the Snare's  
Office.

Your faithful servant &c.  
W. M. Patterson,  
Director.

J. John S. Bluzet, Esq.



To R. M. Patterson Esq. July 14<sup>th</sup> 1845  
Director of the Mint  
Phil<sup>a</sup>. D. C.

Enclosed you will find  
my letter of resignation, addressed to the President  
of the United States -

With your knowledge of my feelings, I  
need not assure you of the many regrets that  
have interposed to prevent this step being taken.

The pleasant relations that for so long a pe-  
riod have prevailed in our little Company of  
Mint Officers, never failed to present themselves  
in opposition, when deliberating on the propriety  
of returning to the West.

A voice from the homestead, however, summoned  
me to duty, and whatever the sacrifice nature  
could not but obey -

When the period for our separation arrives  
the privilege will be still left me, of bringing  
you all up in pleasant memories - a privilege  
that I will not fail to avail myself of -

Believe me to be,

Yrs. James R. McEntee



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(Private.)

Mount W. S.

Jan. 14, 1845

Sir,  
I send <sup>send</sup> ~~have sent~~ you an official letter  
to ask that the President will appoint the  
Commissioners <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ attend the approaching Annual  
Meeting, <sup>wherein</sup> which he is authorized by law to design-  
ate in addition to the District Judge, the  
District Attorney, and the Collector of the Port,  
~~wherein~~ the Commissioners ex officio.

As it has always been the practice of the  
Director of the Mount to <sup>forward</sup> ~~submit~~ the names  
of individuals whom he thinks proper to be  
selected for this occasion, I have <sup>most</sup> respect-  
fully to present the following to the consideration  
of the President.

Professor Benjamin Silliman, of Yale  
College, is a <sup>philologist</sup> ~~gentleman~~ of the most  
distinguished scientific reputation.

General George Cadwalader, of Philadel-  
phia, is a gentleman <sup>whose</sup> ~~of~~ high standing is known  
to the President.

Samuel J. Beebe, of New York, the head  
of the house <sup>in</sup> that city and Philadelphia, which  
has for some years, furnished the largest portion  
of the business carried at our Mount. The



amount which they deposited, in the year 1842  
alone, ~~was~~ exceeded three millions.

I should be much gratified if the Presi-  
dent would permit me to suggest to him  
a fourth name;—that of Robert Lytle Esq  
He would be <sup>happy</sup> to have him aware of the  
integrity of the accuracy of the proceeds of  
the Annual Meeting.

As it is important that I communicate  
certain notices and information to the gen-  
tlemen selected, ~~at present~~ <sup>at present</sup> I ask that the at-  
taches of appointment be sent to me to be  
forwarded, as has been ~~done~~ always done here  
before, except the last year.

R. M. P.

D. M.

To  
Hon. Geo. M. Bibb  
Sec. of Treasury.



Minut of the United States  
Jan. 14th, 1845

Sir,

As the Annual Meeting at the Mint  
is to be made on the 10th of next month,  
I have the honor respectfully to request  
that you will ask the attention of the Pre-  
sident to the appointment of the Additional  
Commissioners provided for by the 3rd  
Section of the Act of Jan. 18, 1837.

R. M. P.

J. M.

To Hon. Geo. W. Pitts,  
Secretary of the Treasury.



Wm. 100.  
Jan. 15 / 45.

Sir,

In a letter which I wrote to you yesterday, I took the liberty of presenting in the name of Prof. Silliman as one of the Commissioners to attend the next annual meeting at the office. I have since learned that he is engaged in delivering a course of lectures at New Orleans, and that, in consequence, his services could not be commanded.

I hope that some name to replace him, may occur ~~to~~ to the President or yourself; but, if not, I take the liberty of suggesting that of Professor Julius Ducatel, of Baltimore, a gentleman distinguished as a Chemist, Geologist, and man of general science.

Yours very truly  
Wm. Brewster  
N. M. S.



Taunton Jan'y 15. 1875.

Rev. Patterson Esq.  
Director.

Dear Sir.

We have received a  
favorable report - from annex bill of the  
18 Regs planchet, which by an oversight was  
omitted - We also annex inv. of 19 Regs in  
addition sent to Boston to be shipped for  
there - Both the bills we have received  
will thank you to forward the amount to  
in Copper coin to Messrs. Lunt & Battelle,  
New York - by R. Road & Co.

In the monthly payment of our workmen,  
we necessarily use a considerable small coin - which  
we find it difficult to procure -

We would esteem it a favor if you would  
supply us with a few hundred dollars in dimes  
& half dimes - the amount to be deducted from  
our bills - or paid you in money -

Very respectfully,  
Wm. Adams.

Yours truly,  
Geo. W. Adams.



4/12/85

# Wastages 1844.

C. C. his ap. of Gold.

$$52 \frac{653}{1000} \text{ gr} = \$979.62 \text{ on } 164.516 \frac{27}{100} \text{ ounces, del. to him.} \\ = 0.32 \text{ H.}$$

C. C. his ap. of Silver.

$$1,224 \frac{287}{1000} \text{ gr} = \$1,424.39 \text{ on } 1,384.092 \frac{23}{1000} \text{ ounces, del. to him.} \\ = 0.88 \text{ H.}$$

M. & R. his ap. of Silver.

$$628 \frac{88}{100} \text{ gr} = \$731.64 \text{ on } 1,375.484 \frac{29}{100} \text{ ounces, del. to him.} \\ = 0.46 \text{ H.}$$

Coins, Gold —	\$ 979.62 = 0.35
Coins, Silver —	1,424.39 = 0.88
Mel. & Ref. Silver —	731.64 = 0.46

\$ 3,135.65

M. & R. his ap. of Gold.

$$102,712 \frac{092}{1000} \text{ del. to him.}$$



Philadelphia Jan'y 20<sup>th</sup> 1845

I certify that on Friday last Jan'y 17<sup>th</sup> I lost  
a small Receipt of the following description

Mint Receipt No 14 for Gold Bullion weighing  
11 9/100 ounces, deposited by Maxwell & Co. dated  
Jan'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1845. Signed E. D. Sprague  
for the Treasurer

Receipt printed in Red Ink  
filling up with Black.

I have advertised the above in the Public Ledger  
and made application for a duplicate  
a copy of the advertisement is herewith annexed.

MISLaid OR LOST. On Friday last, a RE-  
CEIPT for a deposit made at the United States  
Mint, Philadelphia, Receipt No. 14, for Gold Bullion,  
weighing 11 9/100 or 11 ounces and ninety one hun-  
dreds of an ounce, deposited by Maxwell & Co.,  
dated Jan'y 15th, 1845. Signed by E. D. Sprague,  
for the Treasurer. Receipt printed in red ink, fill-  
ing up with black. Application has been made for  
a duplicate.

E. C. Galusha.

Given and subscribed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
January A.D. 1845. before me the Subscribes  
in the above named and for the City of Phila-  
delphia

Wm Thompson  
Wm

Duplicate receipt issued Jan'y 20. 1845

E. D. Sprague  
for the Treasurer



Mint of the U.S.  
Jan. 18. 1845.

Gentlemen, I have received, this morning  
your letter of the 15th inst., with bills for  
18 kegs of planchets delivered to us on the  
16th inst., and of 19 kegs announced  
as being on the way.

Your instructions as to payment  
shall be attended to.

I am sorry to inform you that  
we cannot supply you with the small silver  
coins for which you ask, except in return  
for a deposit, made at the Mint, of silver  
bullion or foreign coins.

Very respectfully,  
Your faithful servant  
R. M. P.

Wm. Crocker, Junr & Co  
Toronto, Mass.



Philad. Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1845

Sir

The friends of Mary Latta  
have settled with me for  
the claim I instituted to the  
Silver deposited in the Mint by  
him - You will therefore be  
at liberty to pay the am<sup>t</sup> due  
on the certificate as far as my  
interests are involved in the  
same -

Respy

Geo. W. Lord

W. R. M. Patterson Esq  
U. S. Mint



Treasury Department  
January 20<sup>th</sup> 1845.

Sir,

The President has directed four Commissioners to be appointed in addition to the Judge & District Attorney of the United States for the Eastern District of Pa. and the Collector of the Port of Philad<sup>a</sup> for the purposes mentioned in the 32<sup>d</sup> Section of the Act of Congress of 11<sup>th</sup> January 1837, entitled "An Act supplementary to the Act entitled 'An Act establishing a Mint and regulating the Coins of the United States' and I herewith transmit their letters of appointment with a request that you will cause them to be delivered and forwarded to the gentlemen appointed.

I am Sir,

Very respectfully  
Yours obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Geo: M. Bibb  
Secretary of the Treasury

D<sup>r</sup> A. W. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia.



Mind Wash.  
Jan. 21 / 45.

Sir,  
I have the honor to request that you will  
issue your warrant, in favor of the Trustees  
of the School, for one thousand dollars, (\$1000)  
out of the appropriations for the current fiscal  
year, to pay wages of teachers.

R. M. P.

Wm. Geo. M. Bibb, &  
Secy of Treasury.



New York July 21<sup>st</sup> 1845

Sir

Your esteemed favor of  
21<sup>st</sup> inst is duly received in which  
you notify me, the President has  
been pleased to appoint me a  
Commissioner to attend the next  
annual assay at the mint.

I accept the appointment  
since attend in Phila on the 10<sup>th</sup> prox  
as notified by you - Be pleased  
to accept my thanks for the kind  
manner you have made this  
communication

I am

Yours

Very respectfully

R M Patterson Esq - your obedient  
Director of the Annual Game of Books



Jan 22<sup>d</sup> 1845

My dear Sir

I received on yesterday  
your letter conveying an  
offer that made by the President  
of me to be a Commissioner with  
them to visit the United States  
in the 10th Province.

I thank you very dear Sir  
for your kind recollection of  
me in this matter & will  
attend on the occasion with  
great pleasure.

Yrs for & all

Richd. Taylor

R. M. Patterson &  
Son



Philad<sup>a</sup>. 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant enclosing a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating that I have been designated, by the President of the United States, as one of the Commissioners to attend the next annual assay of the Mints.

It gives me much pleasure to inform you of my acceptance of this appointment, and to say that I will be in attendance at the Mint on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> proximo, at half past nine in the morning, the hour designated in your letter.

I have written the enclosed letter to this effect to the Secretary of the Treasury in reply to his letter received through you, and respectfully request that you will oblige me by causing it to be forwarded to him -

I have the honor to be

faithfully,

Your O<sup>b</sup>d<sup>t</sup> St.

D. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint of the United States

Geo. Casvalader



Albion, N.Y.

Jan. 23, 1845

Sir,

At the request of <sup>Gov.</sup> James Cashen, I send the enclosed letter signifying his acceptance of the appointment of a May Commission.

I have also received acceptances from Robert Tyler Esq., and Saml. J. Beebe, Esq. From Prof. Dwight, of Baltimore, I have not yet heard, but I have no doubt that he will join the Commission.

W. H. P.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing a package of Liberty Bells sent from the Charlotte plant, and which have also been received.

Wm. G. B. Bill  
Sec. of Trg

W. H. P.



Minist. of the United States  
Jan. 23d, 1845.

Sir,  
I received, this morning, a letter from <sup>London</sup> ~~London~~  
dated 17<sup>th</sup> from Mr. ~~John~~ J. F. Chapman,  
which he closes by saying "Your answer, if  
convenient, will be directed to the Department."  
I accordingly take the liberty of sending the very  
reply enclosed, as I find it open, that you  
may read it, <sup>though</sup> ~~though~~ I could not presume  
to answer directly to you, as ~~some~~ <sup>another</sup> letter written  
to me by another friend.

R. M. P.

L.

Of Mr. Geo. M. Bibb,  
Secretary of the Treasury.



106 Philadelphia, *Jan'y 24<sup>th</sup>* 1845

**Take Notice** you are rated for the present

as follows:—

Real Estate,	-	-	-	-	-	\$74.000
Personal Tax,	-	-	-	-	-	
Dog,	-	-	-	-	-	
Household Furniture and Silver Plate,	-	-	-	-	-	
Moneys at Interest,	-	-	-	-	-	
Money loaned on Mortgage,	-	-	-	-	-	
Stocks,	-	-	-	-	-	
Gold Lever Watch,	-	-	-	-	-	
Silver Lever Watch,	-	-	-	-	-	
Plain Gold Watch,	-	-	-	-	-	
Plain Silver Watch,	-	-	-	-	-	
Carriage,	-	-	-	-	-	
Horses,	-	-	-	-	-	
Cows,	-	-	-	-	-	
Salary or Emoluments of Office,	-	-	-	-	-	

The appeal will be held on the *24<sup>th</sup>* day  
of *March* A. D. 1845 between the  
ours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M. at the County Com-  
missioners' Office, up stairs, West wing of the State  
house.

*Saml D. Bineau*  
Assessor.

*U. S. Mint*



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

25 July 1845.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *one* Treasury Draft  
made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same,  
combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return  
to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,

Treasurer of the United States.

Isaac Roach Esq



Chief of the United States  
Philadelphia, Jan. 23 /45

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th of December, mailed yesterday. It is, on that, I find, tendered a true apprehension. There is no clerkship vacant at the office, and none which is not filled in the most unobjectionable manner.

About the time when you mention that you had your first interview with the President on this subject, the Clinton's clerk had expressed ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> intention of taking up his residence in Europe, and I had proposed a candidate to ~~fill~~ <sup>take</sup> his place. On the 7th of October last, however, I wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury that as follows:

"I have been so fortunate as to prevail on my present clerk, Mr. Quennell, to abandon his intention of leaving the office." "He has been serving me, for some years, so entirely to my satisfaction, that I now hope he will continue in his position as long as I retain mine."

Yours

Wm. Patterson  
Clerk

(J. A. Chapman, Esq.,  
Washington.)



New England Commercial Bank  
Newport Jan 27, 1845.

A. M. Patterson Esq.  
Director Mint of the U. S.

Sir,

I shall forward by Harnden's express to-morrow a box of specie containing 400 foreign dollars, 122 five franc pieces & 2 French crowns.

Be pleased to forward the amount in quarters dollars by the same conveyance to the care of the Merchants Bank Providence.

I am Very Respectfully

Sir

Yours Most Obedt Servt

Geo. S. Newcomb.



Sen. Ch.

Jan 25. 1865

R. M. Patterson Esq

Wash. D. C.

Sir, I transmit herewith  
a Memorial which has been referred to the  
Committee on Finance.

Will you have the goodness to examine  
it, & to favor me with your opinion of the expediency  
of the measure which it asks for?

Very respectfully,

Yours R. T. Sewt

Geo Evans





Shipped, in good order and condition, by *Brooks Bros & Co*  
 on board the good *Ship* called the *Emma* whereof  
*Edw. Brooks* is Master, for the present voyage, now lying in the  
 Port of *Boston* and bound for *Phil<sup>a</sup>* To say:

*U. S. Mint*  
*Phil<sup>a</sup>*

*24 Kegs Copper 57 1/2 cts*

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in like good order and  
 condition, at the aforesaid Port of *Phil<sup>a</sup>* (the danger of the Seas only  
 excepted) unto *U. S. Mint* or to Assigns,  
 he or they paying Freight for the said Goods

with *at* Primage and Average accustomed. .... IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master of  
 the said vessel hath affirmed to *3* Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which  
 being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at *Boston*, *Jan'y 29. 1845* *Jas. Truister*  
*S. J. Spence*



W. S. Mint Janz 29. 1845

Dear Sir,

Your esteemed favour of Sept. 26 was rec<sup>d</sup> on the 22<sup>d</sup> inst., & calls for an answer.

I mended in the first place request 3 sp<sup>s</sup> of each of the new Turk gold coins, for Cat. Kassar, also 4 or 5 sets of the same.

In regard to ancient coins, what with attentions from yourself, the late Dr. Grant, miss<sup>es</sup> in Persia & some others, & the purch. in mass of a coll. in Vienna, we are pretty well supplied, & in some dept<sup>s</sup> complete, esp<sup>l</sup> in the Rom. rep. & Empire, & Lower Emp. We have also as many of the Achaem. & Sassan. of Persia as we shall want, & more than we can understand, or assign to the true individuals. But in some other divisions we shall be thankful for further favours from you, ~~and~~ as you are in the best position for rendering them I proceed to specify.

1. Coins of Judea. The general acquaintance with the history of this country will make its coins particularly interesting. As there are coins extant of the Herods, and the High Priests, and not extremely rare, please procure some specimens, even if they command a pretty high price. (We have a silver shekel (see exhibit) ~~but~~ its authenticity <sup>has been doubted</sup> ~~is not complete~~; what is your opinion about it?)



2. Egypt-Syria. We have Antiochus IV Epiphanes, Ant VII Sidetes and Philip. We would like to go on towards a completion of this dynasty, one or two pieces of each monarch, where the rarity is not excessive.

3. Egypt. We have only Ptolemy Phil. in silver, & Cleopatra (imposed) in brass, with several brass coins not specifically referable. Specimens to enlarge this series will be very acceptable. The gold of this class are said to be splendid; and I assure that Ptolemy Soter is <sup>in this respect</sup> the kind rarity of Greece, and Arsinoe, wife of P. Phil. is only the second. If either can be had in good order for \$<sup>25</sup>~~30~~ please secure it; but especially the latter.

4. The Arabic coins, being in a stranger character and without portraits, will be of less interest here, at present. But we would be glad to have authentic specimens of Haroun Alraschid, Mostassar Billah, Saladin, and some other of the more famous caliphs.

<sup>including the new Turkish, 250 to 300 dollars</sup>  
For the above, I shall set apart \$~~250~~<sup>250</sup>, without limiting you as to prices, except by saying that as good a variety & as that sum will procure, will be desirable.

Thus far for the Mint. We have friends here, who would be glad of the acquisition of duplicates in the above, or of specimens of the Lower Empire, or Greek cities, & colonies, or kingdoms. An additional outlay of \$100 on this account, will be gratifying. If any pre-payment is wished, please inform me. I should also like to know whether the time is <sup>materially</sup> ~~really~~ shortened, and whether it saves any thing in the end when the postage are paid

here, you actually get our letters without further expense. Please add your charges to the bill, or bills. If not too much trouble, it would be satisfactory, & would greatly enlighten us as to the state of this kind of market, if each of the more important pieces could have its price designated in the schedule.

~~For safety's sake~~, To obviate risks, please write me by steamer, when you have shipped, or are about to ship a package of coins, (unless by they are to come by a govt. vessel) that we may effect an insurance.

The authors of the M. of C. are gratified by your favorable notice. The work is gradually circulating, here & in Europe.

We learn from Vienna that the immense antique collection of Welzel will be <sup>for sale, but not immediately</sup> ~~publicly sold~~, in ten or twelve years hence.

I am with much regard

yours truly

P. M. P.

J. P. Brown Esq  
Drogman to the  
U.S. Legation  
Constant.



United States,  
Philadelphia January 29, 1845.

Dear Sir,

The second package of 1000 cigars was sent a few days since to New York, to be forwarded to Hamburg by the next packet, to the care of Messrs. Schieffelin. I hope it will reach you in due time. The charges have been paid here, and the small balance of 40 cents remains due to you. Please state whether this agrees with your account.

I thought it not safe to open the box, for the sake of putting in the specimen dollars you ask for, as a broken package looks suspicious at the Custom House. I hope to supply your request in some other way.

The antique collection has been seen by many persons, and is greatly admired. Some valuable additions (chiefly Greek) from Mr. Brown, U.S. druggist at Constantinople, render it still more complete.

I take this occasion to say, that if you have not procured the copies of Roman Medallions, you need not take any further care about them. They can be more directly procured from Berlin, through our Emery.

The Catalogue of Becker, and the other numismatic works, have not yet arrived. Bishop Hughes has engaged to forward them on their reaching New York.

I shall be much pleased to receive the Catalogue of the great sale expected to take place in your City, in time to offer some bids.



Allow me to conclude this (too brief) letter by  
renewing my thanks for your many obliging and very  
valuable attentions, in the whole of our mutual corres-  
pondence and transactions, and to hope for a continuance  
of so agreeable an intercourse.

Very truly,

Your faithful servant,

R M P

Director

To/  
J. G. Schwarz, Esq.  
U. S. Consul,  
Vienna,  
Austria.

To  
J. G. Schwarz Esq  
U. S. Consul  
Vienna  
Jan 29 1845.



Wash. D.C., Jan. 29/45.

Sir,

On the 14th inst., I had the honor to send  
to the President, ~~and to yourself~~ my An-  
nual Report for 1844, - and, at the same  
time, a copy to yourself. I have seen  
no notice of its having been laid before  
Congress, ~~and~~ this circumstance gives me  
some concern, and I take the liberty  
of calling your attention to it, lest some  
accident may have prevented the receipt  
of the package in question.

R. M. P.

Dr

Wm. Geo. B. Bibb, }  
Sec. of Navy. }



Bank of Geneva,  
March 28, 1845.

R. H. Patterson Esq.,  
Geneva.

Dear Sir, Above you have lying off in John Ward  
& Co. New York for One Hundred Dollars for which  
please forward to the Insulation (for of Expenses)  
one hundred dollars in cash.

You will oblige me if you can have them in  
New York in season to take the first boat after the  
opening of our Canal in 15 April, as we are now  
in want of them.

Yours truly  
C. A. Cook  
Pres.



Dup Right & Great Western.  
London 28 March 1845  
Rev. Mr. Patterson Esq.  
W. S. Abint  
Philadelphia

Sir  
On the 8 Inst. I had the pleasure to receive  
a letter from the Secy of the East India Compt.  
(which copy is annexed) accompanied by a M<sup>t</sup>.  
of the Directors going for the W. S. Abint  
which at the suggestion of Chas. Stokes Esq.  
I have forwarded to Mr. Everett who promises  
to send them by Great Western & they will I hope  
reach you safely. The M<sup>t</sup> is addressed to you  
I am  
Yours W<sup>t</sup> Dear  
(Signed) P. Vaughan.



Copy  
To Petty Vaughan Esq East India House  
London. 8 March 1845.

Sir. The Court of Directors of the East India Company  
have complied with the request of Mr R. M. Patterson Director of the United States Mint at  
Philadelphia for the presentation of a few specimens  
of the ancient Bactrian coins in the Company's  
possession for the cabinet in the Mint.

As that gentleman requests that any coins  
so presented may be entrusted to your care, the Court  
command me to state that they are desirous of availing  
themselves of your instrumentality if not inconvenient  
in transmitting the accompanying Packet to its destination.

I am Sir,  
Your most Obedient Servant  
(Signed) James C. Melville.



Great Western Steamers  
London, 28 March 1895.

R. M. Patterson Esq,  
U.S. Mint,  
Phil.

Sir, on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant I had the pleasure  
to receive a letter from the Secretary of the East India  
Company, of which a copy is annexed, accompanied  
by a packet of the Ractian coins for the U.S. Mint,  
which at the suggestion of C. Stothard Esq, I have  
forwarded to Mr. Everett, who promised to send  
them by the Great Western, and they will  
I hope reach you safely. The packet is addressed  
to you.

I am, Sir,

Yours obed. Servant

Petty Vane



copy

East India House  
21 March 1845

Sir,

The Court of Directors of the East India Company have complied with the request of Mr. Wm. Patterson, Director of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, for the presentation of a few specimens of the ancient Bactrian Coin in the Company's possession for the Cabinet of the Mint.

As that gentleman requests that any coins so presented may be entrusted to your care, the Court commands me to state that they are desirous of availing themselves of your instrumentality, if not inconvenient, in transmitting the accompanying Packet to its destination.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedt. servant

(Signed) James Melville

Wm. Vaughan



Albion N.Y.  
March 29/45.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the request  
made in your letter of the 24th inst., I send  
you enclosed the receipt and memorandum  
of the deposit of gold bullion bought by  
the U.S. on the 24th, and made in the name  
of John W. Williams.

Yours truly,  
R. M. P.

To

W. A. Lucas, Esq.  
Cash Bk. Bk. A.C.  
Charlotte, N.C.



Minist. of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 31, 1845.

Dear Sir,

The letter, with a note of introduction, will be presented to you, by Major Isaac Reach, the Treasurer of the Mint. His contents have not been communicated to him.

I sincerely believe that there is no individual in our city more highly or more justly esteemed for personal character, and one in whose intellect and integrity more universal confidence could be placed. Such is certainly the kind of man that ought to occupy the responsible station which he now fills, and I feel anxious, therefore, that he should be retained in office.

Major Reach is exceedingly particular as to his accounts, and the large funds entrusted to him. His quarterly returns are habitually made to your Department on the day after the quarter closes. The state of the contingent fund is examined by him at the end of every month, and that of the gold and silver bullion funds every week. With such habitual attention, it is almost impossible that errors or frauds should occur, at least without prompt detection.



Major Reach is, I believe, a moderate  
whig; but he has conformed himself strictly  
to the rule never in junction of Jefferson, that  
office holders should not interfere in matters  
of party strife, and I am sure that he can  
bear Jefferson's test questions, — "Is he honest;  
is he unshaken?" Let me add, that if Major  
Reach should be supplanted, on political  
grounds, it will be the first case of the kind  
that has taken place at the Mint. Dr.  
James Reach was unable, in consequence of his  
medical practice, to devote to the treasury the  
time which it required. Gov. Findlay  
resigned, because he would not give the  
large salary required of him as Sub-treasurer.  
Gov. Butler was, as you know, rejected by  
the Senate after this Major Reach was  
nominated as successor. For the half cen-  
tury that the Mint has been in operation, no  
change has occurred in any of the other Mint  
offices, except in consequence of death or  
resignation.

Most respectfully,  
faithfully yours,  
R. M. P.

Wm. R. S. Walker,  
Sec. of Tr.

Mint U.S.

March 31/41

Dear Sir,

Allow me the honor of introducing  
to you my valued friend and fellow officer  
Major James Reach, Treasurer of the Mint.

Most respectfully,  
truly yours,  
R. M. P.

Wm.

Wm. R. S. Walker,  
Sec. of Tr.



Office of the United States  
Treasurer's Office, March 14, 1845

Sir, I forward you, herewith, the  
Quarterly Statement, as a Depositary of  
the public money, ending this day.

Very respectfully,  
Yours &c &c  
(Signed) S. A. R. R.  
Treasurer.

Wm. William Elden, Esq.  
Treasurer of the U.S.  
Washington



Mint of the United States,  
Treasurer's Office, April 1st 1845.

Sir, I forward you, herewith, the  
quarterly accounts of the operations of the  
Mint for the quarter ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March  
1845, which I hope you will find to be  
correct.

Very respectfully,  
Yours obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>,  
(Signed) Isaac Roach,  
Treasurer.

Wm. Collins Esq,  
Act. Auditor of the Treasury,  
Washington.



Mind of the United States  
Treasury, office, April 1st 1845

Sir,

I forward you herewith, the  
quarterly account of the ordinary receipts and ex-  
penses of the Mint for the first quarter of the present year,  
which I hope you will find to be correct.

Very respectfully  
Your most obedt servt  
H. V. Bach  
Treasurer

To  
William Collins Esq  
First Auditor of the Treasury



BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA PACKETS, COMMERCIAL LINE.	
all	To BRIG <i>Eric</i>
For Freight <i>of 37 kegs copper</i>	
<i>8550th at 1.25 per cwt 8.6875</i>	
From Boston,	Boston Wharfage, <i>1.19</i>
<i>April</i>	184 <i>6</i>
<i>Philadelphia</i>	Received Payment, <i>Samuel Steele</i>
<i>\$ 6.44</i>	



Miss M. L.

Phil. Sept 1/48

Dear Sir

I have this morning received your letter  
of the 28th ult., with the accompanying draft  
for \$100; and the box of coats which you have  
advanced, for this amount, shall be forwarded as  
you request.

R. M. P.

D

W. C. A. Park, Esq.,  
President Sec.



Am Patterson Esq

Taunton April 1. 1845.

Director.  
No.

We duly received  
your favor of the 13<sup>th</sup> ult. informing us  
of injury to our last inv. of planks  
by salt water -

We will thank you to return the  
box by vessel to Boston, consigning  
to Messrs. Hall & Co.

Amexd we have bill of 37  
Kegs planks, forwarded to Boston  
by ship, shipped from thence, amounting  
to \$2871.00 - for which please send  
coin as usual, to Messrs. Aspinall &  
New York -

We find it impracticable to  
obtain American cotton of suitable quality  
for the planks - we have enough to  
complete your order - when we will  
thank you to inform us whether  
long as the difficulty of obtaining Am. cotton  
exists, the requirement to use cotton for  
an iron wire, will be adhered to -

Yours. Very Respectfully,  
Charles D. Dyer



Shipped, in good order and well conditioned, by the Treasurer of the Mint, in and upon the good

*New Porto Rico*

whereof is Master for this present Voyage  
and now in the River Delaware, and bound for



Thos. Printer, 35 South Third Street,  
Philadelphia.

*Boston.*

*WJ 304  
298*

*Two Cases each planches*

Being marked and numbered as in the margin; and to be delivered in the like good order and well conditioned, at the aforesaid  
Port of *Boston* (the danger of the Seas only excepted),

unto *J. S. Hoopes & Co* or to  
their Assigns, he or they paying Freight for the said Goods.

*Seventy five cents*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of said

hath affixed to *three* Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date; one of which being accomplished,  
the others to stand void.

Philadelphia, *April 4th 1845.*

*For the Master  
A. J. Thomas*



67.  
To Mr. Patterson Esq.  
Director U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia

Albany City Bank  
April 4 1842

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I send you our  
dft. on Bank of N. York \$100, for which please send us 100  
cents of that amt. without expense to us which I believe is your  
usual custom —

Yours &c.

Wm. H. Mumford



Dear Sir

Washington April 4/45

The second day after my arrival here I succeeded in obtaining an interview with the President and Secy of the Treasury, and with many thanks for your kind exertions, I think my reception was as favorable as I could have anticipated. Mr Walker spoke of your very strong letter, and of his good feelings personally but alluded to the appointment being with the President &c.

Mr Buchanan is absent in Penn<sup>a</sup> for a few days and I fear I shall not see him.

Mr Walker wishes you to ascertain quietly where he can procure about 300,000 \$ in foreign Silver for coinage & design, the work preparatory to the new U. S. Law and I thought it best to write so that you might look round before I see you.

I know the Silver is very scarce in Philad<sup>a</sup> and if Mr Trevor has it, he would rather keep it. I would respectfully suggest your dropping a line to the elder Mr Butler in N. York to know which of the Banks there are most likely to have any



considerable amount of Foreign Silver on hand  
as the Secretary intimates a large Coinage of  
Silver & half dimes.

I expect to be home early next week  
Please to present my best regards to Mr Kane  
and to all the Gentlemen near you believe  
me to be your much obliged  
Friend & Servant  
J. Roach







Isaac Roach, Esq. Treas.  
U.S. Mint Philad. } To Crocker Bros. & Co. Dr.

March 31. 1895 For 37 kegs cent planches #663 & 99 planches  
240 lbs each = 8,880 lbs @ 32.4¢ \$2,841.60

Deduct 574.80 lbs cent planches  
injured by salt water & returned to the Mint 183.94

\$2,657.66

Received payment  
Taunton, March 31, 1895.



County Commissioners  
Office 8 April '45  
To Nathl. W.  
Treasurer of the U.S.  
Mint at Philad<sup>a</sup>

Sir

I have the honor to inform  
you that the Supreme Court have decided in  
favor of the County of Philad<sup>a</sup> upon the case  
stated to take their opinion whether the Mint  
was liable to State, County and District  
taxes.

I will be happy to receive the amount  
due.

I am Sir,  
your  
ob<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

P. B. Brown  
Sol<sup>r</sup> of the Co.



Brunswick, Me., April 7, 1845.

Dear Sir,

I trust I shall reach Philadelphia before this letter does. If so, it will be unnecessary only so far as it announces my return. The main purpose of it, - to tell how sorry I have been detained here so long, - will perhaps be better accomplished by letter than by word of mouth.

I had fixed upon the 2nd inst. as the day upon which I should start, wrote to my brother accordingly. From that day to this we have been detained here in spite of all my efforts to get away. Rail-road traveling is practicable at all times; but when one finds himself 25 miles from the depot, the season of the year has not a little to do with the practicability of a journey. I am literally 'struck in the mud'. The stage-road to Portland is but deep with mud; the drivers say it was never so deep & so thick. If I were alone I would plough through 'thick & thin'; but I cannot but feel a good deal of reluctance to dragging my family into such a slough. A steam boat will run from Bath to Portland in a day or two. Bath is but 7 miles from us & the road quite passable. You understand the temptation to delay; and if I wished to strengthen it I might fairly do it by adding that the influenza has had us all in his 'grip', rendering it desirable, at least



for my wife & children, to avoid any extra fatigues  
& exposures upon the journey. - I shall make every  
effort to reach Phil<sup>a</sup>. by Friday or Saturday of this  
week. -

I have not had a word of Philadelphia  
intelligence since I left. I made arrangements to  
be supplied with a paper, but somebody has  
failed to do what he agreed to do, & consequently,  
for aught that has appeared to the contrary,  
the city may have been blown down by an  
earthquake or blown up by a hurricane. [Please  
reverse the order of catastrophes.] - I trust, however,  
I shall find all persons & things in whom I have  
an interest, "in good order & well conditioned," as  
the bills of lading have it.

Very respectfully & truly yours,  
Geo. F. Sturges.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.



Superintendent of U.S. Mint.  
Philadelphia.

Sir,

With this you will receive a box of  
gold, which please coin & deliver the  
proceeds to Messrs. Brown & Bowen of your place.

Yr Obedt Servt  
Lucas & Pearson

Boston. April 9. 1845.



Peter A. Broun Esq  
Counselor at Law

W. S. Hunt Bristol, N.Y. 1/65

Sir,

My absence from the City when your  
letter was written to me, must be my apology for my  
partial neglect in not more promptly replying to it.

I have communicated your  
notice of the Decision of Supreme Court to the U.S. Dist.  
Attorney, and where direction in the matter, I am in-  
structed to act, and to whom I will have to refer you.

Very respectfully  
Yrs. for & abt. S. L.

P. Broun  
Counselor



HAND'S LINE.



Philadelphia, April 10 1845

RECEIVED on board *Scho Emma*  
whereof *Bancroft*  
is Master from

VIZ:

*One Crate*

Which I promise to deliver to *J. J. Chambers* at *Charleston*  
the dangers of the Navigation, Fire, Leakage and Breakage excepted, he or they paying  
Freight, *Two Dollars* *D. D. Mearns*

Mark. *W. S. Branch Mint*  
*Charleston, S. C.*

*duplicate*



Panchoy & America  
April 10 1844

Dear Sir

Please forward to Joseph  
Spriver Cashier Cumberland Bank  
of Allegheny at Cumberland Md  
and to Thomas Spicer Jr Cashier  
of Western Bank Baltimore One  
keg of Cents each, of those containing  
\$100, and send the Bill to me

Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Blockley Cashier

J Roach Esqr

Treasurer of the Mint



Pawton Aug 10 1875.

P. M. Pittson Esq.  
Dunston.

Dear Sir:

We duly received  
your favor of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. - & have hand-  
led an bill of the planches - made  
conformably to your letter -  
We are

Yours

Very Respectfully

Charles D. D. D.



Merchant Bank  
Boston April 12 1845

Sir

I have the honor to forward  
herewith a package of gold  
dust which I last coined in  
quarter eagles and held subject  
to my order

Please forward  
to me a receipt stating the weight  
of the dust, if such is your  
Custom

I am very respy  
Yours obedt servt

To  
The Director of the  
Mint at  
Philadelphia }

W Eddy  
Clerk







Mont. W. L.

April 17 / 45.

Sir,

The Treasurer of the Mount has laid before me your letter of the 15th inst., with your account of charges for forwarding copper coins for the year 1844. Your draft on us for the amount will be paid on presentation.

I beg you to inform me whether the charge of forwarding the copper coins, sent through your agency in the present year, have been paid; and particularly those for a box of coins for the Bank of Geneva, &c. &c. It is our wish that all such charges should be paid for us, up to the place of destination, and I am specially pledged for the case above of the Geneva Bank.

We do not, however, consider ourselves liable for the risks of transportation, and cannot in future admit a charge for insurance.

We shall, in full reliance on your accommodation, employ Mr. A. C. Telford, as your agent in your place, and I beg you to communicate to him the above.



Allow me now to express to you our  
entire satisfaction with your agency in  
our business, and our regret that it must  
be brought to a close.

R. M. P.

I

Wm. H. Furness, Esq.  
New York:

P.S. I find that the key for Geneva  
must have been procured by Mr. Wolff.  
Please, then, learn from him whether the  
charges of transportation have been paid,  
and inform him, at the same time, if  
one wishes as to this point, and the  
insurance.



TAUNTON, Bristol Co., Mass., April 18, 1845.

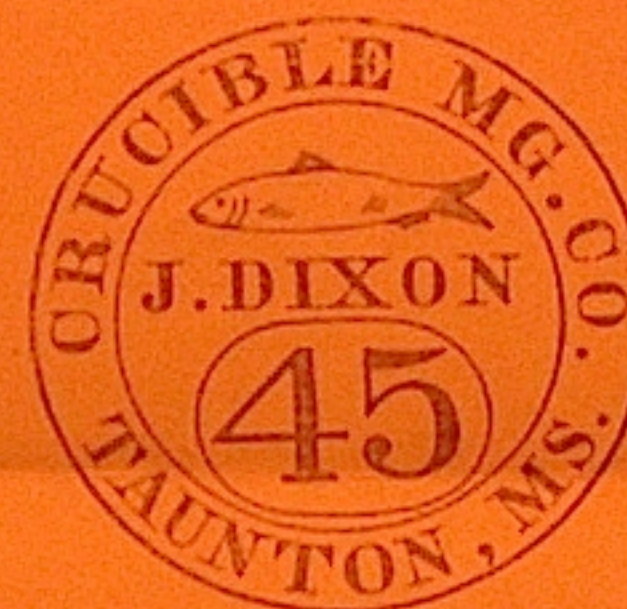
The **CRUCIBLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY** having made arrangements by which they hope to be able to meet all orders in their line, are prepared to furnish an article altogether superior to any other, either of foreign or home manufacture.

These Crucibles are manufactured under the *personal* superintendence of Mr. Joseph Dixon, the *original* inventor and discoverer of the process, in this country, the secret of which has not been imparted to any other persons. Those of our manufacture bear the following stamp upon the bottom:—"CRUCIBLE MANUFACTURING CO., J. DIXON, TAUNTON, MASS."

These Crucibles have been tested by many of the most celebrated Brass Founders in the country, some of whose certificates are appended to this Circular. We can, therefore, with perfect confidence, recommend them to all consumers, believing that they will give entire satisfaction in every respect, and will here refer to one very valuable property which they possess, whereby much time and expense are saved: *they may, with perfect safety, be placed directly, without being nealed, into the furnace.*

We refer to the following, among other testimonials which we have received, from those who have given them a thorough trial, and are perfectly competent to judge of their quality. We respectfully invite all those who *use or sell* the article of Crucibles, to give trial to those of our manufacture, in the firm belief that they will find their quality is not exaggerated.

N. B. In order to palm off other manufactures as the real Dixon Pots, several devices have been resorted to. The public are therefore requested to notice the following stamp, which is a fac simile of that upon the bottom of our Crucible.



#### TESTIMONIALS.

New Bedford, April 1, 1845.  
Mr. C. R. VICKEY, Ag't. Crucible M'fg. Co.

We have used the pots ordered from your Company some time since, marked "Crucible Manufacturing Co., J. Dixon, Taunton, Ms." and find them very good, having made more than nine hundred pounds of castings from one Pot, which we particularly noted. The others used are equally as good, and we have no hesitation in recommending them to all that use Crucibles, as a first rate article. — A. D. RICHMOND & CO.,  
BRASS FOUNDERS and Copper Smiths.

Boston, April 4, 1845.  
Having used for some time the Crucibles marked "Crucible Manufacturing Co., J. Dixon, Taunton, Ms." I find them to be superior to any other Crucible in market, and recommend them with confidence to all consumers. — JAMES BUCKLEY.

Attleboro' April 1, 1845.  
Having used many of the Crucibles stamped "Crucible Manufacturing Co., J. Dixon, Taunton," I find them superior to any others in market, and confidently recommend them to consumers. — DAVID FULLER.

Boston, April 4, 1845.  
Having used for some time the Crucible marked "Crucible Manufacturing Co., J. Dixon, Taunton, Mass." I find them to be a prime article, and much superior to any Crucible I have used for many years, and confidently recommend them to all who make use of Crucibles. — ISAAC BABBITT.

Boston, April 4, 1845.  
Having used for some time, the Crucible marked "Crucible Manufacturing Co., J. Dixon, Taunton, Ms." we find them to be a prime article, and much superior to any Crucibles we have used for many years, and can with confidence recommend them to all Founders. — HENRY N. HOOPER & CO.

Boston, April 7, 1845.  
Having used for some time the Crucible marked "Crucible Manufacturing Co., J. Dixon, Taunton, Ms." I find them to be a prime article, and much superior to any Crucibles we have used for many years, and can with confidence recommend them to all Founders. — JOHN S. LUCKIS,  
Superintendent of the Revere Copper Foundry.

All orders addressed to the subscriber will be punctually attended to.

*C. R. Vickery* Agent,  
of the Crucible Manufacturing Company.



Sept 25 1845

Sir

On the 20<sup>th</sup> ult. I forwarded to  
your address a Btl. of Enville,  
the recd. of which has not been  
acknowledged - Please to advise  
whether they have been recd, & if so  
whether you have given them a  
trial and if satisfactory

Respectfully  
Yours obt. Serv.

C. W. Vickrey Ag<sup>t</sup>  
of the Enville Manufacturing Co.



Mint of the United States,  
Philadelphia, April 19. 1845.

Sir,

I have this morning received your  
kind letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> ult., with the package of  
antique coins, through the care of our minister Mr.  
Everell, and the Department of State. I avail  
myself of the first opportunity to return my cordial  
thanks to yourself, to Professor Wilson, and to the Hon.  
Court of Directors of the East India Company, for  
this very valuable and desirable accession to our  
Cabinet of Coins. Let me add, that both as to quantity  
and quality, they <sup>have</sup> entirely exceeded our hopes.

I am very respectfully

Your faithful Servant

Dr Thomas Horsfield,  
Keeper of the Museum  
of the East India Company  
London



U. S. Mint, Philad<sup>a</sup>.  
April 19. 1845

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ult.  
is before me. I embrace the first opportunity  
to inform you of the safe receipt of the package  
of Bactrian coins; which, on opening, I find to be  
more valuable than could have been anticipated.  
On behalf of this Institution, I tender my cordial  
thanks to yourself, to Mr. Stokes, and to the other  
gentlemen who have participated in procuring and  
forwarding this fine donation.

Allow me to place under your care two letters, having  
reference to this matter. One of them I am very respectfully  
(to Mr. Stokes) contains a <sup>few</sup> small gold coins,  
<sup>is accompanied by</sup> and a medal ~~accompanying~~ it.

Your faithful serv<sup>t</sup>

Petty Naughan Esq.



Mint U. S.

April 21, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you  
will issue your warrant, in favor of the  
Treasurer of the Mint, for Two Thousand  
dollars, (\$2,000.) out of the appropriation for  
the current year, for the wages of workmen.

R. M. P.  
D.

To  
Hon. R. J. Walker, {  
Sec. of Treasury. }



Dear Sir

April 21. 1841

In reply to your note of this morning, I can only say that the Title Papers for the Mint Lot were as my recollection were were transmitted to Washington. They were executed in or very near May 1<sup>st</sup> 1829, and probably were transmitted soon after.

I am persuaded that the State conveyed to the U. States no privilege over the ground occupied by the Mint within at its present or previous location.

Very truly  
Yours

John Moore

Dr. Patterson  
Secretary U. S. Mint



Min't of the United States  
Philadelphia, April 22d, 1845.

Dear Sir,

I received, on the 12th inst., from the Hon. Peter McColl, Mayor of the City, a letter of which I send a copy subjoined. You will see in it that it commences the arrest of some persons engaged in counterfeiting the Silver coins of the United States, and who, as you informed me this morning, are now probably on the point of being convicted.

Mr. McColl, as you will see, suggests "the policy of making some complimentary reward to the officer to whom the public is indebted for this arrest." I agree fully in the propriety of this course; but I have not authority to follow it, nor do I think that I should be the proper person to hold such authority. In my judgment, it ought to reside in the Dist. District Attorney, as the ~~local~~ local law-officer of the United States. Let my <sup>own</sup> express a hope that the Treasury Department will place in your hands the means <sup>which</sup> can be relied upon for the detection and punishment of these dangerous offenders.



We have carefully examined the counter-  
feits in question. They are casts, probably in  
type metal, silvered over by the electrolytic  
process, and admirably executed. Such  
perfect imitations are well calculated to de-  
ceive the public; and they are the more  
dangerous from the circumstance that they  
do not require, for their execution, any espe-  
cial apparatus, or even any extraordinary  
skill. Our principal dependence, then,  
must be on the vigilance and activity of  
the police; and we know that this cannot  
be secured, except by the prospect of re-  
ward.

R. M. Patterson,  
Detective

Sd  
Henry M. Watts, Esq.  
U. S. District Attorney  
N. Y.

[Here copy Mr. McColl's letter of 12th Apr 1845.]



Minut of the United States.

April 22d 1845.

Sir,

In answer to the inquiry made by you respecting the title to the grounds occupied by the Mint, I have to state that the conveyances were made <sup>to the United States,</sup> of the several lots, by their respective proprietors, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of April, 1829. The brief of title at large is on the books at the Mint, and the deeds themselves are in the Office of Comptroller of the Treasury at Washington, as appears by a letter from John Anderson, dated 11<sup>th</sup> August, 1829.

There deeds are

1<sup>st</sup>. From John Saml Powell, and Sarah his wife to the United States of America, in fee for lot clear of ground rent. (Recorded in Deed Book G. W. R. No. 30, p. 7 &c.)

2<sup>d</sup>. From Ann Poyntell, widow of Wm. Poyntell dec'd, and Alexander M. Johnston and Ann his wife to the United States of America in fee for lot. (Recorded in Deed Book G. W. R. No. 20, p. 9 &c.)

3<sup>d</sup>. From R. A. Caldebaugh and Paul Beck, surviving devisees in trust of the Estate of Sarah Relf and her children, under the will of William Poyntell dec'd, to the United States of America,



in fee for lot of ground (described) (Recorded in  
Land Book G. W. R. No. 30, p. 10 &c.)

Att. Sam. Ann. Poyntell, R. A. Caldwell,  
and Rebecca his wife, to the United States of  
America, for lot of ground. (Recorded in Land  
Book G. W. R. No. 30, p. 12 &c.)

No premium privilege was ever conveyed  
by the State of Pennsylvania to the United  
States, on the ground occupied by the ship,  
either in its present or its previous location.

R. M. Patterson  
District

By Henry M. Wall, Esq.  
U. S. District Attorney.



Minist. of the United States  
April 23d, 1845

Sir,

On the 14th of September last, I wrote as follows, to the late Secretary of the Treasury.

"The Director's Clerk &c." [I then copy from letter referred to, to the end.]

From the appointment thus made by me did ~~not~~ meet with the approbation of Paul Tyler was withheld, on the ground that he had ~~refused~~ given his refusal in some cases which he ~~considered~~ similar; and I was asked to name some other person. I was, I confess, greatly indisposed to do so. The position of the Director's Clerk is one that brings him into close personal as well as ~~prof~~ official communication with me; and I thought that a time was coming when an individual altogether desirable would not be refused to me as my clerk because he was my son.

I therefore presented on Mr. Dunning, though much to his inconvenience, to attain his situation with me for some time longer. He but a period is come



when he ought to be relieved, and I now  
again name Mr. Robert Patterson as his  
successor, and most respectfully ask, through  
you, for that the President will approve  
his appointment.

R. M. Patterson  
Carter

W.  
Hon. Robert J. Walker,  
Secretary of the Treasury.



W. L. Allen,  
Phila. Apr. 25/48.

Dear Bachs,

Read the enclosed letter, and  
hand it yourself to Mr. Walker.  
You know Robert, and will speak of  
him as you think he deserves. His  
unhappy calamity almost casts him into  
despair. The appointment, which I ask  
the President's approbation, ~~would relieve him~~  
is below his just aims, but his distress  
makes something of the kind an only resort  
for him. I cannot understand the feeling  
which would refuse a son to a father as he

If I must be refused as I was by  
Mr. Tyler, I ask that the circumstance  
of my having made the application may  
not be made known.

Ever your friend,  
R. M. Patterson

A. D. Bachs, Esq.



TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES,

24 April 1845.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive a Treasury Draft made payable to your order, together with a descriptive list of the same, combined with a receipt therefor, which you will please to sign and return to this office, by return of mail.

I am, respectfully,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. SELDEN,  
Treasurer of the United States.

John Branch Esq.  
Treasurer U.S. Mint



New York April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1845.

R. M. Patterson Esq,  
Philadelphia,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst, is to hand, and your request has been attended to.

The charges for forwarding all the Copper Coins, received this year, have been paid, and will be in future - Mr Defft will omit, in future, making insurance, and therefore no charge will be made, against the mint, for insurance -

I am faithfully,  
your obt. Servt.

T. A. Munnings!



Mint of the United States,  
Philadelphia, April 26. 1845.

Sir,

I have had the honour of receiving your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup>, which had been preceded by the package of antique coins, to which it refers. For this very valuable and interesting accession to our Cabinet, I tender my thanks to the Hon. Board of Directors, and to the gentlemen, (including yourself) who have taken part in furthering my application.

Herewith is transmitted a package of medals and master coins of the U.S., which I beg may be accepted for the ~~Cabinet~~<sup>Company's</sup> Collection. It contains the medals, in copper bronzed, of Presidents Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, John Q. Adams, Jackson, Van Buren, and Tyler; the only Presidential medals that have been struck. Their uniform reverse is the emblem of amity with our Indian tribes, for whose chiefs they are presented. The coins are a complete series of the present year.

I am very respectfully  
your faithful serv<sup>t</sup>

James C. Melville Esq,  
Secy East India Company.

R. M. P.  
Director &c.



Four Hundred Dollar in five cent pieces \$400 =  
Two Hundred " " " " " 200 =  
\$600 =

The above is the property of the Bank of Rhode  
Island in Newport Rhode Island

W. A. Clarke Cashier



West 105.  
Apr 26 185.

Sir,

I have enclosed a receipt and memorandum of a deposit of silver made in your name yesterday.

The amount, in silver half dollars as you requested, is ready for delivery to your order, enclosed in the receipt West 105.

R. M. P.  
I

W. A. Clarke, Esq.,  
Cork St. of Rhode Island,  
New Port, R. I.



Mint U. S.

April 28. 1845.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 25th, I have to state that your pencils were duly received, but that we have had an opportunity of testing only one of them. Our Melters did not think it prudent to begin with a trial of gold; and we have had, of late, scarcely any silver to work that could be employed for the purpose of the desired test. We shall now go on with our experiments, & make report to you at an early day.

R. M. D.

C. K. Ketchum Esq.

Agent Currier Mamm Co.,  
Taunton, Mass.



Bank of Geneva  
April 20. 1895.

Dear Sir,

The Reg. of Court. received \$100. advised of  
in your favor of 1 cent. at 1/2 shipper to us  
aguable being request. cannot stand in good  
order. Last evening.

Yours Respy

C. A. Cook

To  
R. H. Patterson Esq

Geneva



Y<sup>rs</sup> Clerk of the State of N. Caro.  
V<sup>3</sup> at Charlotte 28 Feby 1845

Dear Sir

I send you by Mr Spring  
a small parcel of Gold Buttons for Mr W  
A. Williams containing four Bars which  
please have apayed in his name and  
the proper place to his Order in the  
Books of the Mint. Please send the Certi-  
ficate to me as early as convenient

D<sup>r</sup> R. M. Patterson  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully  
Wm. A. Lucas  
Clerk

This parcel belongs to the same individ-  
ual as last sent in a Box by Mr Spa-  
- four days ago.

Enclosed is Mr Williams signature

W. A. Williams



March 1st 1845

Dear Sir,

The late Mr John Hesk of Richmond Va. some time ago presented to Mr Cadwalader a silver bowl of some value, when his daughter who had been for some time under our care at school left us.

Since the death of Mr Hesk the family have been in very indigent circumstances, and it is the desire of Mr Cadwalader & myself to return to his family the value of their piece of silver as we have an opportunity of doing so without their knowing the source from whence it comes.

I send it herewith to the Mint to request that you will direct that it may be weighed and that I may be informed of its value.

Very Respectfully

Yours Truly

Geo. Cadwalader

Wm. Patterson

Director of the Mint of the United States



1  
Saxton May 1. 1845

Sir

Your letter of the 27th Sept. was rec<sup>d</sup>. this  
morning. We have no crucibles with cores on hand  
having ~~not~~ had no call for any, excepting those used  
by common Brass Foundries. Of these we have from  
No 1 to No 30 excepting 14 & 16 of which we are out.  
If you would like any of these to test we will  
forward such numbers as you may desire. We will  
make you a sample of any numbers you may wish  
with cores if you will designate the same. Our cru-  
cibles are of the common shape used by Brass Foundries  
holding 2 lb of metal to the number. The price of the  
common crucibles without cores we have fixed at 50c  
per No which is the market price of an inferior  
article. Should we make any with cores we should  
charge 50c per No including cores.

Please write me whether  
we shall send you some of those we have on hand and  
if so the numbers you would prefer for testing.

J. P. Saxton Esq  
Saxton & L. Mint Phila

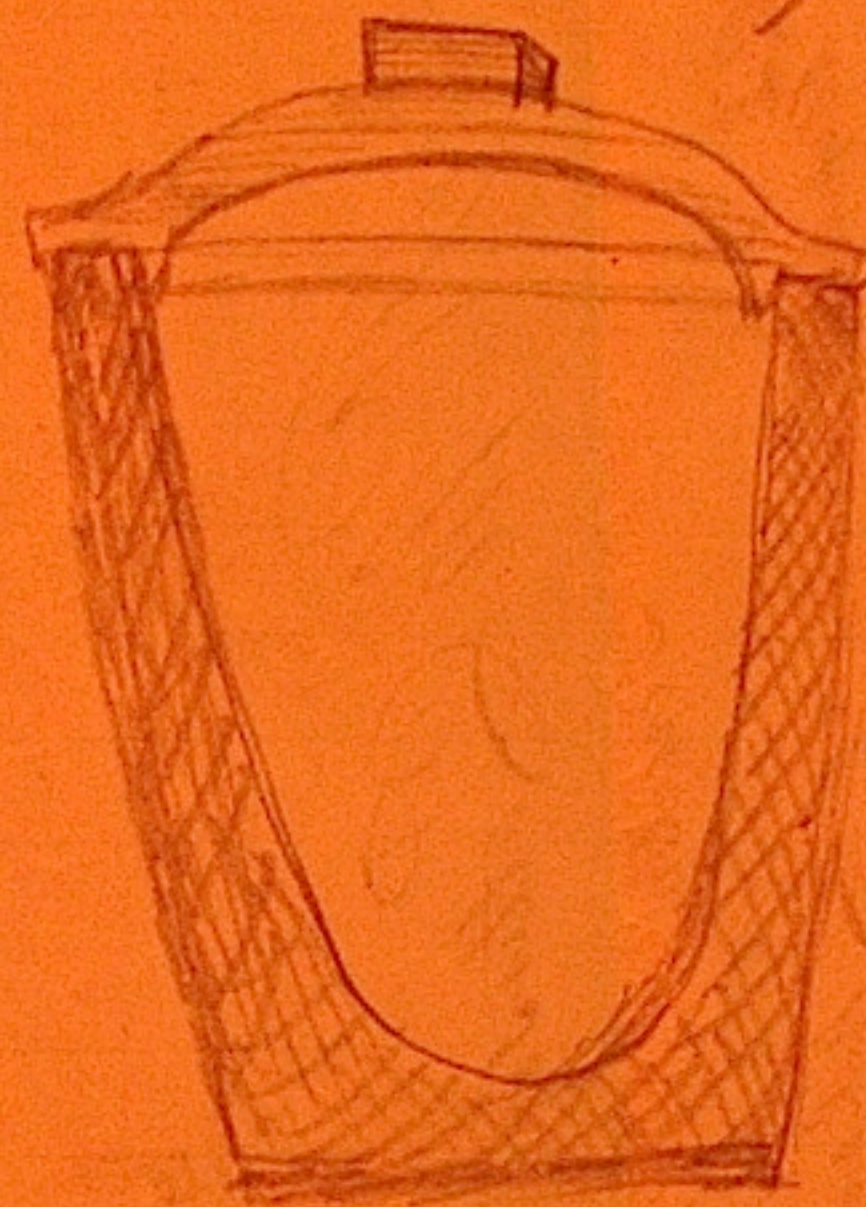
Truly yours Sent  
C. R. Hiram Esq  
Greenville N.Y. Co

On the opposite leaf is a rough drafting of a crucible  
with a core such as we suppose will answer your purpose.





Is this the form of cover?—





This box contains 38 different parcels each of which  
must be separately unpacked and the name and number  
on each envelope transferred to the certificate of a pay.

James Richards & Co	1	107	dols
Peter Carnhart	2	201	
Jac. Hiltshaus & Co	3	180	
Mr. M. North	4	1193	1193
E. L. Barker	5	404	
Mr. M. Thomas	6	1100	
Augustus Fiedt & Co	7	557	
David W. Machin	8	240	
A. M. Miller & Co	9	610	
Jac. Hentman	10	404	
Orwell A. King	11	1070	
Mr. M. North & Co	12	2160	
David Harker	13	240	
A. P. Atkins & Co	14	1045	
Richard Fox	15	1076	
Mr. Pulverton & Co	16	1088	
Alfred Goodman	17	100	
A. H. Shuford	18	235	
W. H. McKee	19	438	
Edwin Mauney & Co	20	612	
Wm. Bates & Co	21	177	
John S. Sullivan	22	237	
Paul Post	23	347	
Geo. Hilich	24	461	



J. Addertw 25 125 dwt  
 Randolph & Martin 26 2,206 .  
 Peter Earnhart & Co 27 2,145 .  
 H. J. Musbach & Co 28 2,041 .  
 Musbach & Nixon 29 932 .  
 Merchants & Farmers 30 338 .  
 James Hillick & Co 31 467 .  
 Geo. Miller 32 257 .  
 Henry Bie 33 676 .  
 Alex. Hader 34 156 .  
 Geo. H. Merchants 35 890 .  
 Geo. Earnhart & Co 36 6,212 .  
 R. H. Eagle & Co 37 3,980 .  
 C. C. Henderson 38 9,020 .  
 43 112

On Bank Note Draw

Calculating March 7<sup>th</sup> 1885

Edw. D. Smith



Min't of the United States,  
March 7, 1845.

Sir,

We received, on the 3d inst., by ~~the~~ a  
Charleston ~~packet~~<sup>essel</sup>, two ~~parcels~~<sup>packages</sup> of gold, upon  
the outside of which we observed your name,  
but in regard to which we have received neither  
advice nor instructions.

Package No. 1 contained parcels No. 1 to 36 inclusive,  
which have been assayed separately, & of which the  
net value is \$12,809.61.

Package No. 2 contained parcels No. 1 to 14 inclu-  
sive, which were also assayed separately, showing a  
net value of \$5,522.49.

Awaiting ~~your~~<sup>information &</sup> instructions, I remain,

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,  
R. M. P.

J. T. Co. Ward, Esq.,  
Care Cape Fear Br. Bk.,  
Asheville, N.C. }



My dear Sir

The Honorable Mr Hale of  
N. H. will have you this. He desires to see  
your establishment and I have much  
pleasure in introducing him to your personal  
acquaintance.

Very sincerely yrs

J. W. Briggs

March 8/1845

J. W. M. Patterson



Mint of the U. S.  
March 11, 1845.

Sir,

In reply to yours of the 1st inst., I have  
to state that if you will send us a few of  
your largest caskets, No. 35, we will be happy  
to test their fitness for our operations.

It is unnecessary to make coins at present.  
If we find the caskets of the proper quality,  
a pattern of the coins can be sent to you.

J. R. M. P.  
S.

Sir,

C. R. Alford  
Sgt. Cannon Manuf. Co.  
Hamilton, Mass.



Branch Bank of Cape Fear  
 Raleigh N.C. March 17th 1845-

Dear Sir

The Wm. S. Tucker one of our Directors will  
 send you under this - Bag contains five parcels of under  
 Gold viz

Smith & Co. Clamham	19. 19. 19. 19. 19.	added	\$299.23
do do	9. 12. 15. "		143.47
do do	30. 6. 13. "		455.05
Wm. S. Tucker	5. 4. 6. "		78.49
A. B. Hartman	31. 13. 20. "		473.52
			\$1454.20

We take it from the business & address them 7575 on it  
 & again to pay them whatever it may make at the mint  
 I should therefore be glad to have each one's parcel stamped  
 separately - but if against your order so to do - please stamp  
 Smith & Co. Hartman's & so state it in the statement you  
 send me - and please enclose the mint certificate  
 & in the return letter to Mr. Gamman Cashier &c -  
 New York and Albany &c -

Most Respectfully

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

Director of the Mint  
 Philadelphia Pa

D. W. Townsend

Cashier



Albion N.Y. March 13/48.

Gentlemen,

The planchets <sup>consigned</sup> sent in your last invoice were much injured by salt water; yet we have coined the greater part of them. I am sorry however to have to state that we have been forced to reject ~~55~~ 574.8 lbs. of these planchets; which are held by us subject to your order. I presume that if they were in your hands they could be cleaned, and rendered fit for coinage. We please to advise you of the course which you wish to be taken with regard to them.

We have found the planchets of this issue too heavy.

D. M. L.

To  
Messrs. Crosby, Bros., & Co.  
Savannah, Ga.



BANK OF NORTH AMERICA,

Philadelphia, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1845

J Roach Esq. ~~Treasurer~~  
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint

Dear Sir:

I send a Box containing Gold.  
My Correspondent writes "The box contains 38 different  
parcels each of which must be separately assayed  
& I wish the name & number that is indorsed on  
each lot transfered to the Certificate of assay, as  
each parcel was deposited by a different person  
or company to whom I made advances on the  
deposit, and it is indispensable that I should know  
the separate value of each parcel to make a proper  
settlement with the parties" Will it be in your  
power to comply with this request?

Very Respectfully,

Wm. C. Cushing



Went to G. Bear 13 at Ashville  
Mar 14<sup>th</sup> 1895-

R. M. Patterson Esq

Dear Sir I send you, of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst  
& send at myself for requesting to  
write you concerning the Bullion -  
You will please as soon as you  
have they have certificates sent me  
made out as heretofore when I have  
sent you Bullion - Keeping each  
number & name to itself -

Respectfully

your 7<sup>th</sup> Servant  
J. E. Hardy Esq

P.S.

I find the aggregate, sent me in your  
note a small gain, but I must have each  
parcel to know how to settle with the  
Bureau - J. E. H.



Albion N.Y.

March 14/48

Sir,

At the request of the President of the  
Washington Mining Company, I send  
the enclosed report on the only Silver  
mine yet found in the United States.  
It is made by Richard C. Saylor, Esq.,  
a distinguished geologist, in whose  
skill, judgment, and truthfulness, I  
think that reliance may safely be pla-  
ced.

We have mined, at the Albion,  
more than \$24,000 worth of Silver from  
this mine.

R. M. P.

To Hon. R. J. Walker, Esq.  
Sec. of Treas.



Miss W.S. March 14, 1845

Sir,

In compliance with the request made in  
your letter of the 25th ult., I send enclosed a  
~~hand~~ receipt and memorandum of your deposit  
of gold bullion, brought to the office, on the 11th  
inst., by Mr. Bissell's, and also of the deposits  
brought, at the same time, for Mrs. W.S. Milburn.

R.H.P.

De

To

W.A. Lucas, Esq.

Branch Bank of State of North Carolina,  
Charlotte, S.C.



Min't. U.S.  
March 15, '45,

Sir, In compliance with your request  
I send enclosed a mem. of the gold  
deposits made on the 12th inst. by Mr.  
Bradford, to whom the proceeds have  
been paid.

R. M. L.  
D.

Prof. A. Vaughan, Esq.,  
Cash. U.S. Bank,  
Hannibal Mo. }



Library East India House  
March 15<sup>th</sup> 1845.

Sir,

You will be pleased to accept,  
indubitably, this late reply to your letter dated  
October 28<sup>th</sup> 1843. The delay in acknowledging  
it is not especially my fault. I attended to your  
request without delay, and can only offer as an  
apology that the numerous occupations of  
Professor Wilson, who has the charge of the Library,  
have lately recently interfered with his business.  
Your application before the last of Directors.  
Prof. Wilson, besides his office of Librarian here  
is also Sanskrit Professor at Oxford, Vice-  
of the University College and Seminary, and also  
much engaged in literary pursuits, having  
recently completed the first volume of

R. M. Patterson Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
Director of the Mint of the U. S. }  
or &c



a continuation of Moll's history of India.  
Your letter was considerably in my remembrance  
and I frequently reminded my colleagues of  
your appreciation.

Prof. has given me the following list  
of coins selected: viz. Silock: Menander 2 with  
helmet, 1 with field, 1 with jewel; Apollodotus 1; Antinachus 1; Hermicus 1;  
Nijpoor Winda 2; Uncient Winda 5;  
Somnium 4; (18 pieces)  
Upper: Eukratides 2; Menander 1;  
Apollodotus 2; Hermicus 2; Azes 1;  
Agathodes 1; Soter megas 3;  
Radaphanes 4; Demetrius 5; (21 pieces)

These coins have been delivered to  
Charles Shaker Esq of London, who  
has kindly undertaken to forward  
them to you by a safe conveyance.

I have only to add the assurance  
that it has been a pleasure to me to  
further your wishes in this matter,  
while I have the honor to be

Very respectfully,  
Your faithful Servant

Thos Horsfield  
Keeper of the Museum of  
East India Company.



Mint of the United States

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1845

Sir I received your note requesting an explanation  
concerning <sup>the</sup> watch Clock, of last night between the  
hours of 7 and 1-Inclusive, at 6 o'clock I was in the engine  
house I hear the Clock alarm I looked at my watch  
and it was 3 minutes faster <sup>than the clock</sup> and from my watch being  
that much fast, when I went out every hour I thought  
I always had time sufficient to put a stick in the  
Furnace before Driving the Pins at the watch Clock,  
It would be almost an impossibility to Drive the Pins by  
the Clock in the front of the mint on the Stairs, for  
it hardly ever strike the hour correct it sometime  
is twenty minutes out of the time, and that is always  
H. B. Warner  
Watchman

Yours

D. R. M. Patterson

Director of the U. S. Mint



Mail U.S., March 17/73

Sir,

It has been reported to me that the watch clock indicated a neglect of duty, on the part of the watch-man, last night, between the hour of 7 & 8, inclusive. I have to call your attention to this new, serious complaint, and to ask if you have any explanation to give of it.

Very faithfully, Yrs.,

R. M. L.

Sr

Sir

Mr. Abraham Brown

Watchman of the Mint.



Albion N. H.  
March 15/45

Sir,  
Among the deposits of gold bullion recently made <sup>by</sup> your bank, by the N. H. Co., was a very remarkable grain of gold, weighing 25.52 ounces. It has not failed to excite our particular attention, and curiosity. Will you be so good as to let me know where <sup>it was</sup> found; whether it was found on the surface, or in a mine, and in general any information with regard to it that may be deemed of interest. It is my wish to give an account of it to the Philosophical Society.

Some other large grains accompanied it. Were they found at the same time and place? Have any other been met with that equal the first in weight?

I pray you to excuse the trouble which I give you.

Very respectfully

Your faithful servant

R. M. P.

W. Hugh McPatten, Esq.



Dear Sir

Received Mrs. Rank,  
Hendricks March 19 1895

Your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> is  
received making urgently a relation to a piece  
of Gold leaf at the office of sent by Mr. Warren  
Lester to give you all the information & paper  
a relation to it.

The piece of Gold weighing 25.52 oz was  
found on the land of Isaac K. Pulliam in  
Spotsylvania County about 18 miles from this  
place on a gravel stratum on a hill. The place  
contains also Gold also, but a very fine grain Gold.

The land adjoins the White Hall tract in  
which upwards of \$50,000 have been found by  
washing the Hill & flat ground the treasure  
fine grain Gold to number weighs 100 drs.

By writing to Mr. Pulliam, I would like to  
Spotsylvania County House, Virginia, & we  
can obtain additional information.

You did not sign the letter received.  
Several small pieces of same substance have  
been found, but none of the same size.

Yours,  
Respectfully,  
Hugh M. Pulliam  
H. M. Pulliam



San Antonio March 18 1845

Yr By today's R. R. Train we forward  
to you Mr. 35 Cincilla, which you will  
please try as soon as practicable and  
advise us of the result, whether good  
or bad

Respectfully

Yours obt. Svc

C. W. Nutting, Agt  
San Antonio Cattle & Horse Co.

To R. M. Patterson Esq  
San Antonio de S. Maud